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THE
SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

A. D. 1901.

The Synod of New York met agreeably to appointment, in the North Church, Buffalo, October 15th, A. D. 1901, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. David G. Wylie, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, on "What Christianity Offers to the World," Luke 2; 10, 11: "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Walter S. Brown,	James Rodgers,
Henry T. McEwen, D. D,	Edgar C. Leonard (2),
George N. Karner,	James T. Sweetman, M. D.
Frederick N. Rutan,	Frederick Carr,
Charles A. Richmond,	William M. Ackroyd.
Edward J. Abbott,	
Jeremiah V. Wemple.	

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D.,	George F. Hand, M. D. (2),
William J. Gregory (2),	Henry C. Knight.
Arthur Spaulding,	
Charles L. Luther.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Samuel C. Gunn, D. D.,	James Frame,
Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., LL.D.,	Robert Stanfield,
David B. McMurdy,	Martin V. B. Knox,
John Montgomery,	Oliver O. Jones,
Joseph F. Langton,	Frederick B. Thomson.
Alexander Laird (2).	

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

William N. Steele (2),	Jens F. Bidstrup,
Charles T. Berry,	Edgar T. Reid,
Arnold W. Fismer,	Charles B. Pearson,
Frederick Campbell,	Theodore Van Duzee,
Daniel H. Overton,	Charles P. Oakley,
William J. Hutchins,	Richard D. Dodge,
Walter R. Ferris,	William A. Blauvelt (2).
Orrin G. Cocks.	

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

William Waith, Ph.D.,	Henry H. Bingham,
Henry Ward, D. D.,	William W. Parsons,
Samuel T. Clarke,	H. Osgood Holland,
Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D.,	Thomas Shaw (2),
Newton L. Reed,	Henry Lapp, M. D. (3).
William Y. Chapman,	
Samuel Colgate (2).	

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

George B. Stewart, D. D. (3),	Samuel C. Fessenden.
William C. Brass,	
Frederick W. Palmer,	
James S. Stubblefield.	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Joseph Gamble, D. D.,	
Norman McLeod.	

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Edward W. Abbey (2),	Clarence T. Mabie,
John Knox,	William E. Farr,
James A. Miller, Ph.D.,	Eugene H. Ribble.
Hiram D. Bacon.	

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Henry P. Bake, D. D.,	Willis Baldwin,
Christopher G. Hazard,	Edward J. Loughran.
Albert C. Wyckoff.	

XI. PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

James A. Anderson,	D. Corwin Holmes,
Louis M. Sweet,	Eugene P. Norton.
Arthur T. Young.	

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

Howard Cornell,	William H. Foster,
John Quincy Adams,	Isaac L. Seely (2),
John S. Niles,	Eli M. Maynard.
H. Grant Person.	

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

L. William Hones,	Charles McKinney (2),
John W. Keller,	William H. Puff,
George E. Gillespie,	Ezekiel S. Anderson,
Henry McGilvray,	Frederick B. Post,
John R. Wilkie.	Nathaniel J. Kelsey (2).

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

William H. Littell,	Edward H. Foster,
James M. Denton,	Joseph S. Osborne,
Jacob E. Mallman,	Byron Griffing.
William C. McKnight.	

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Luther A. Ostrander, D.D.,	Marvin C. Welcher,
John C. Ball,	William Fries.
Frank H. Bisbee.	

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
William H. Hendrickson (2).	

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Frederick E. Shearer, D.D.,	Henry W. Jessup,
Jesse F. Forbes, Ph. D.,	James Vereance,
John J. Munro,	Homer Lee,
Alexander J. Kerr,	William Irwin,
Horace G. Miller (2),	John Stewart,
Walter D. Buchanan, D. D.,	Frederick Blume.
David G. Wylie, D. D.,	John H. MacDonald,
Arthur C. McMillan (2),	Frederick Bruchbauer,
Frederick B. Richards,	James Tompkins.
Daniel Russell, Jr.	

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Erastus W. Twichell,	Edwin K. Beckwith,
Duncan Cameron,	Herbert A. French,
Daniel H. Rohrabaugh,	Ely H. Cook.
S. Dwight Waterbury.	

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

William K. Hall, D. D.,	Joseph N. Badeau,
George H. Wallace,	Charles J. Howell,
William P. Swartz,	Lambert J. DuBois,
Irving Maxwell,	George P. DuBois,
John A. Terhune.	James Winne.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Leonard E. Richards,	W. E. Miller (2),
Charles W. Kinney,	David H. McMaster,
Sidney S. Conger,	S. Adelbert Seward.
Eugene V. Ostrander (2).	

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Charles P. Coit, D. D.,	Frank M. Ellery,
Peter Lindsay, D. D.,	Andrew Warren,
Frank G. Weeks,	Robert Paviour,

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
George C. Frost,	Herbert S. Wilbur,
Dwight L. Parsons,	Benjamin F. Bowen,
George D. Miller (2),	Charles Hotelling,
John B. White,	Bowker Hinkley,
Seymour C. Ferris,	William F. Parry,
Joseph B. Ferguson.	Samuel L. Rockfellow.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Albro L. Green,	Charles N. Conkey,
William E. Kimball, D. D.,	William R. Rodger.
James Robertson,	
Almon T. Fuller,	
Charles G. Cady.	

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Hezekiah Webster,	Hon. Hyatt C. Hatch (2),
Daniel McKay,	Charles E. Clark,
Fred E. Walton,	Harry C. Heermans (2),
Thomas F. Archibald.	John B. Ferry (2).

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

George Bayless,	Israel Parsons, M. D.,
David Wills, Jr.,	Julius W. Hoyt,
John G. Truair.	Eugene F. Whiting,
	Joseph B. Lathrop.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

William M. Johnson, D. D.,	Aaron H. Graves,
Charles H. Van Wie (2),	Edward W. Arms,
George Fairlee,	Daniel C. Farr, Ph. D.,
George W. Plack (2),	Henry Aird.
John R. Mackay (2),	
George Dugan.	

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Dwight Scovel,	Jacob Winnie,
Ralph W. Brokaw,	J. Theo Knox,
George B. Van Dyke (2),	James Stark,
Charles F. Kittredge.	William M. Keene.

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
George F. Pentecost, D. D.,	William H. Parsons,
Frederick A. M. Brown, D. D.,	Ebenezer G. Platt,
Oliver S. Dean, D. D.,	Frank Requa,
Robert P. Gibson,	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.,
Cornelius S. Stowitts, D. D.,	Edwin A. Knapp,
Irving E. White,	William E. Peck,
John A. Ingham,	James J. Mead,
Joseph H. Robinson.	William W. Scofield,
	Robert Denniston, M. D.

The REV. WILLIAM WAITH, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was unanimously elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The REV. GEORGE N. KARNER, of the Presbytery of Albany, and the Rev. JAMES A. MILLER, Ph. D., of the Presbytery of Chemung, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The REV. EDWIN H. DICKINSON, D.D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, heartily welcomed the members of the Synod, and reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the devotional services on Wednesday morning be led by Rev. William Young Chapman, and on Thursday by Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D.

2. That on Wednesday morning reports of Special Committees be heard, and the subject of Systematic Beneficence be considered at 11.15.

3. That at 2 P. M. the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered by the Rev. William Burnet Wright, D. D., and Rev. Samuel Van V. Holmes, assisted by Ruling Elders J. Theodore Knox, William W. Parsons, C. S. Cadwallader, W. D. Holland, James Yereance, William Irwin, Charles G. Walbridge, S. McDugald, James T. Sweetman, William H. Parsons, William H. Foster, Willis Baldwin.

4. That at the close of the service the subject of Synodical Missions be considered, to be followed at 3.20 by Church Erection, at 3.40 by Sabbath School work, and at 4 by the report on the Observance of the Lord's Day.

5. That a popular meeting in behalf of Home Missions and Missions for Freedmen be held at 7.30 P. M.

6. That on Thursday, Aid for Colleges be considered at 10 A.M., Education at 10.20, Temperance at 10.40., Ministerial Relief at 11, and Young People's Societies at 11.20, and that at 3 P. M. an address on Evangelization be heard from Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D.

7. That at 7.30 P. M. a popular meeting be held in behalf of Foreign Missions and the Twentieth Century Fund.

It was also announced that luncheon would be served by the ladies of the several Presbyterian Churches on Wednesday and Thursday at the Central and Calvary churches.

Adjourned until Wednesday at nine o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported as being present.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the REV. GEORGE F. PENTECOST, D. D., as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—David G. Wylie, William K. Hall, Samuel C. Gunn, Frederick Campbell, Henry Ward, Frederick W. Palmer, Henry P. Bake, Howard Cornell.

Elders—Frank M. Ellery, Ralph E. Prime, Israel Parsons, Henry Aird, H. Osgood Holland, James Rodgers, Robert Stanfield.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

Ministers—Henry T. McEwen, Joseph Gamble, Christopher G. Hazard, John Q. Adams, William H. Littell, John C. Ball, A. Cameron MacKenzie, Walter D. Buchanan.

Elders—William H. Parsons, John Stewart, James T. Sweetman, Oliver O. Jones, Charles B. Pearson, Eugene H. Ribble, William H. Foster.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ministers—James Robertson, Newton L. Reed, Arthur C. McMillan.

Elders—Willis Baldwin, Lambert J. Du Bois.

4. FINANCE:

Elders—James Yereance, William H. Parsons, Edward W. Arms.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ministers—Duncan Cameron, George H. Wallace, Joseph B. Ferguson, Charles G. Cady, Fred. E. Walton, David Wills, Jr.

Elders—David H. McMaster, Bowker Hinkley, Charles E. Clark, Julius W. Hoyt, Frank Requa.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO COLLEGES, ETC.:

Ministers—William P. Swartz, Leonard E. Richards, Daniel McKay, Oliver S. Dean, Charles A. Richmond.

Elders—Henry W. Jessup, Edwin K. Beckwith, Herbert S. Wilbur, Charles N. Conkey.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

Ministers—Luther A. Ostrander, James A. Anderson, L. William Hones, James M. Denton, Jesse F. Forbes.

Elders—Ely H. Cook, Joseph B. Lathrop, Aaron H. Graves, Jacob Winnie.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, ETC.:

Ministers—Peter Lindsay, Alexander J. Kerr, Sidney S. Conger, John S. Niles, George Bayless, William M. Johnson.

Elders—Henry C. Knight, Henry H. Bingham, Samuel C. Fessenden, D. Corwin Holmes, Frederick B. Post.

9. To Collate the Reports on the Records of the Presbyteries:

Ministers—John A. Ingham, George Fairlee, Ralph W. Brokaw.

Elders—Charles J. Howell, Frederick Blume.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Irving E. White, John G. Truair. *Elder*—Robert Denniston.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Joseph H. Robinson, Frederick N. Rutan. *Elder*—James J. Mead.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—Frederick A. M. Brown, Jeremiah V. Wemple. *Elder*—Ebenezer G. Platt.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Edward J. Abbott, Louis M. Sweet. *Elder*—Frederick Carr.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Cornelius S. Stowitts, Arthur T. Young. *Elder*—William W. Scofield.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—William Y. Chapman, Arthur Spaulding. *Elder*—Clarence T. Mabee.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—H. Grant Person, James S. Stubblefield. *Elder*—Charles Hotelling.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Charles P. Coit, Almon T. Fuller. *Elder*—William R. Rodger.

9. Chile: [No Records].

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Charles G. Cady, Thomas F. Archibald. *Elder*—Charles E. Clark.

11. Eastern Persia: *Ministers*—William H. Hendrickson, Frank E. Weeks. *Elder*—Homer Lee.

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Charles L. Luther, Fred E. Walton. *Elder*—Joseph B. Lathrop.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Albro L. Greene, Erastus W. Twichell. *Elder*—James Stark.

14. HUDSON: *Ministers*—Scott F. Hershey, Joseph F. Langton. *Elder*—John H. McDonald.

15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—David B. McMurdy, Frederick B. Richards. *Elder*—Frederick Bruchbauer.

16. LYONS: *Ministers*—John J. Munro, John Montgomery. *Elder*—Martin V. B. Knox.

17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Daniel Russell, Jr., Arnold W. Fismer. *Elder*—William Irwin.

18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Daniel H. Overton, S. Dwight Waterbury. *Elder*—Herbert A. French.

19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, Albert C. Wyckoff. *Elder*—Edward J. Loughran.

20. NORTH LAOS: *Ministers*—Eugene V. Ostrander, Frederick N. Rutan. *Elder*—Isaac L. Seely.

21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Sidney S. Conger, John B. White. *Elder*—Andrew Warren.

22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—George C. Frost, Hezekiah Webster. *Elder*—Ralph E. Prime.

23. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—William J. Hutchins, Walter R. Ferris *Elder*—William W. Parsons.

24. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Dwight L. Parsons, George Dugan. *Elder*—Samuel L. Rockfellow.

25. SIAM: [No Records].

26. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—William E. Kimball, Charles F. Kittredge. *Elder*—William E. Peck.

27. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—Dwight Scovel, Seymour C. Ferris *Elder*—J. Theo Knox.

28. TROY: *Ministers*—Charles W. Kinney, John A. Terhune. *Elder*—S. Adelbert Seward.

29. UTICA: *Ministers*—Charles T. Berry, Norman McLeod. *Elder*—Jens F. Bidstrup.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Samuel T. Clarke, Orrin G. Cocks. *Elder*—Eli M. Maynard.

Overtures and other documents, and the Records of the Presbyteries, were called for, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

In view of the decease, during the past year, of a number of prominent ministers of the Synod, the following Committee was appointed to present an appropriate Minute to be placed upon the records:

Ministers—Henry T. McEwen, Charles P. Coit, Scott F. Hershey. *Elders*—Frank M. Ellery, George F. Hand.

A Committee was also appointed, as follows, to report a suitable resolution in view of the assassination of the late President of the United States, William McKinley:

Ministers—William Y. Chapman, William M. Johnson, Frederick E. Shearer; *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, Herbert S. Wilbur.

A resolution proposing an overture to the General Assembly, asking an interpretation of the Form of Government in the matter of declaring pulpits vacant, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Special Committee on the revision of the Standing Rules reported, recommending that the following overture be sent down to the Presbyteries for their approval:

Shall the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder; and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: *Provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

It was also recommended that the Presbyteries of the Synod be directed to act on the foregoing overture not later than their next ensuing stated meetings; and that their Stated Clerks send authenticated copies of the action taken to the Stated Clerk of the Synod without delay. The votes shall be canvassed by the Moderator and Stated and Permanent Clerks, and if it

appear that a majority of the Presbyteries has approved the overture, the Stated Clerk shall notify the Presbyteries that they are directed by the Synod to elect delegates to the next meeting of the Synod on the basis defined by the amended rule.

The report was adopted.

The Committee also reported certain amendments to the Standing Rules, which were severally adopted, and the Standing Rules as thus amended were adopted as a whole, and ordered to take effect at the close of the present sessions of the Synod. (See Appendix.)

Elder Ralph E. Prime, appointed last year to codify the laws of New York pertaining to the Presbyterian Church, presented the following report, which was accepted:

A codification of the laws of the State of New York, applicable to ordinary and year after year acts in the Presbyterian Churches in that State, has been prepared by direction of the Synod. In this Code (so called for convenience of reference) it is not attempted to set forth all the laws applicable to our churches; as for instance those relating to the purposes for which property may be acquired; the correction of mistakes in deeds; the sale and mortgage of land; the consolidation of incorporated churches; the property of extinct churches; and other matters which only occasionally claim attention. In all such cases it is best to consult some one learned in the law, lest errors be committed. It is believed that the work now done will meet the demand of those upon whom rests the responsibility for rightly conducting ordinary church business and congregational corporate meetings.

In the Statute commonly called the Religious Incorporation Law, special provisions in separate articles are made which relate to specified churches. Article II. relates only to Protestant Episcopal churches; Article III. to Roman Catholic and Greek churches; Article IV. originally related only to Reformed Dutch, Reformed Presbyterian and Evangelical Lutheran churches; Article V. relates only to Baptist churches; and Article VI. relates only to Congregational and Independent churches. Our church comes under the general provisions of Article VII. relating to other denominations, except as certain special legislation in our interest has been from time to time inserted in other articles.

I beg to submit whether our great church and its nearly one thousand congregations would not be better served by having another article inserted in the general law which should relate particularly and only to our own churches, to which reference could easily be made, so that we should find in one place all there is upon the subjects which interest us. Should this view be approved it will be unnecessary to print the Code herewith presented, and it is recommended that a committee be appointed authorized to apply to the Legislature for the enactment of provisions applicable to Presbyterian churches only, in a separate

article of the General Religious Corporations Law, making the Code herewith reported the basis of such new Article.

The recommendation was adopted, and the Committee was appointed as follows: Elders Ralph E. Prime and John J. McCook and Rev. David G. Wylie.

The report of the Examiners of Elmira College was presented and accepted, and after an address by President MacKenzie its recommendations were adopted:

According to the provisions of the charter, your Committee has visited the college twice during the year, attended its Commencement, and "examined into the management, course of instruction, finances and affairs generally of the College." It finds that it has been successfully managed, and that the President and Trustees have looked carefully after its property and kept its finances on a good footing. Repairs have been made to the buildings as extensively as the funds would allow; and for their age the buildings are as nearly up to the times as could be expected. But after fifty years quite a large sum could be profitably expended for improvements.

As to the instruction given, one of the Committee, an Examiner of the Regents of the State, who has made a thorough examination of the College in all departments, writes: "Elmira College deserves high rank among the colleges of the country for its thorough and efficient instruction and the earnest and devoted spirit of the Professors. It deserves the loyal support of the church." A full curriculum is demanded with a desirable range of elective studies. Dr. Harris, the new Dean, comes with the highest recommendations and a ripe experience, and has already won the confidence of the students and added enthusiasm to their work. Two other teachers with doctorates from Johns Hopkins and Yale have further strengthened the faculty.

The Freshman class, numbering 35, is exceptionally well prepared. Fully twenty have been turned away who might have entered had there been sufficient endowment to grant them scholarships or remission of tuition fees.

The introduction of student government promises success in promoting the best deportment with the largest liberty, and brings the faculty into closer relations with the students. The social life of the College is almost ideal, and brings the whole student body into communion with the faculty, continually favoring the highest social culture, a very important addition to the literary culture of the class room, and necessary to the training for ideal womanhood.

A distinguished college President has said that the women's colleges alone are giving a full literary training, and are the hope of the land for high literary culture, in contradistinction to the divided and special courses of men's colleges.

The dormitory system at Elmira we believe is necessary to the socialization of young ladies in college. The daily contact in such conditions is an important factor in self-education, and prepares for practical life as isolation cannot do. Our observation of the alumnae shows that the College graduates

young women not only well equipped for teaching, but for leadership in all departments of life. Into whatever community they enter they at once prove a power for good. One has said that it would be better to have an Elmira graduate come into a place than a man with a million.

Nor has the religious element been relegated to an inferior place. The Bible is still the first text-book. Social, literary and spiritual instruction go together in harmonious proportions.

In addition to these advantages we note also the unusual health conditions of Elmira, which outranks every other city in the State in this respect. And your Committee heartily commends the College to the confidence and support of the Synod and to the patronage of its constituency.

Since the last meeting of the Synod we have been called to mourn the loss of the Rev. James Gardner, D.D., who has entered into his rest and reward. Dr. Gardner was a strong friend of the college, giving much of his time to its interests; and was a valuable adviser and faithful member of the Committee.

We recommend,

1. That the friends of collegiate education for women in the Synod be urged to increase largely the endowment of the College.

2. That individuals be urged to contribute funds for personal scholarships to be granted to students designated by the President.

3. That the attention of the friends of the College be called to the need of a large addition to the repair fund, that the buildings may in all respects be brought up to modern standards.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint a Committee of nine in the Eastern part, and nine in the Western part of the Synod, to coöperate with the President in securing an additional endowment for Elmira College of $100,000.

The Committee of Visitors to the New York University presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted:

Your Committee visited the University, made examination of the grounds and buildings, and discussed with the Chancellor the condition and prospects of the University and its work.

The Committee expresses its appreciation of the advances the University has made in recent years in its facilities for educational service and in material prosperity. These advances could only have been gained by good work done in the class rooms both by students and instructors, and by thrifty care of the finances and wise management of the instruction by the Chancellor and Council.

The new site at University Heights for undergraduate work is beyond praise, and for beauty of situation and fitness for use and growth leaves nothing to be desired. It gives promise of being for ages a seat of sound learning, which shall be a benefit to our State and nation, and advance the civilization of the world. The post-graduate and professional schools at their sites in the city

are also well adapted to their design and purposes. The attendance of students is constantly increasing, and the work done by the students and their instructors is improving.

The Committee commends to the thanks of the Synod the Chancellor and Council of the University under whose fostering care so much has been accomplished, and recommends members of the Synod to follow the example of the Committee and visit the University for themselves.

The Committee appointed to represent the Synod at the services in May last, held in commemoration of the completion of Dr. L. Merrill Miller's fiftieth year as pastor of the First Church of Ogdensburg, presented the following report, which was accepted :

On account of sickness and other reasons, the Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D., and the Rev. James H. Robinson, D. D., were unable to attend the anniversary. This was a source of regret to all concerned.

The services in connection with the anniversary were highly successful. Everything possible had been done by the officers, the congregation and the citizens of Ogdensburg to make the occasion memorable. The church itself was a bower of beauty and Spring loveliness, fine skill having been displayed in the decorations. The music was of a high order, the church choir having been supplemented by singers from a distance. The arrangements extended over the greater part of a week, and many persons participated. One evening was given to the greetings of neighboring pastors of all denominations. A special meeting of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence was held, able addresses were delivered, and congratulatory resolutions presented to Dr. Miller. Then there was a reception given by the Sunday School and other church organizations. The writer of this report had the pleasure of attending the closing night of the celebration, and sharing the evening with President Stryker of Hamilton College in addressing the vast concourse of people. Seemingly the whole city turned out to this closing service and attended the reception to Dr. Miller which followed the addresses. It was a truly great occasion, and it was "good to be there."

It is a matter of hearty congratulation that an aged and faithful servant of Jesus Christ was thus honored by a Church and community where he had lived and labored for half a century. Dr. Miller had the affection and love of the city in which he resided, and the esteem and confidence of the whole Church. The anniversary was virtually the close of his long and distinguished career. Since last May he has preached, however, and was present at the General Assembly in Philadelphia, where we heard from his own lips how much he enjoyed the anniversary occasion in his own church. Only a few days ago God called him home. He is gone, but not dead, for such a man can never die. He was a familiar figure on the floor of this Synod, and occupied places of trust in the Church. He was the Moderator of the Synod at Troy in 1885. We miss him to-day, but thank God for his life of usefulness, faithful-

ness, and honorable and distinguished service. Thus it is that our Christian brothers, one by one, are entering into the eternal city whose gates are open night and day.

> "From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
> Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
> Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!"

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, of which the following is an abstract. The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The long-expected year of plenty has at length come. We hasten to convey the grateful intelligence that the report this year is to be optimistic in its tone. Not for eight years, since your present Chairman began these reports, has the record been so creditable or the prospect so encouraging. The story is told in the following tables:

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS.	1900.	1901.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions	$304,530	$458,586	$154,056	.....
Foreign Missions	187,271	220,255	32,984	.....
Education	15,689	11,582	.....	$4,107
Sunday-School Work	22,001	24,545	2,544	.....
Church Erection	20,553	25,094	4,541	.....
Relief	22,438	21,074	.....	1,364
Freedmen	29,199	27,531	.....	1,668
Synodical Missions	25,439	26,528	1,089	.....
Aid for Colleges	16,905	15,131	.....	1,774
Total to Boards	$644,025	$830,326	$195,214	$8,913
General Assembly	13,905	13,535	.....	370
Congregational Expenses	2,398,227	2,509,842	111,615	.....
Miscellaneous	215,700	297,623	81,915	.....
Grand Total	$3,271,857	$3,651,326	$388,752	$9,283

II. A Comparison of Actual Receipts by the Boards.

BOARDS.	1900.	1901.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions	$133,032	$130,983	.....	$2,049
Foreign Missions	101,976	117,923	$15,947	.....
Education	10,776	10,737	.....	39
Sunday-School Work	14,723	16,481	1,758	.....
Church Erection	12,450	13,893	1,443	.....
Relief	21,690	22,296	606	.....
Synodical Missions	25,439	26,528	1,089	.....
Freedmen	27,118	26,340	.....	778
College Board	5,692	6,301	603	.....
Total	$352,902	$371,482	$21,446	$2,869

Net Gain, $18,580.

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1900.	1901.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions	$6,730	$5,815	915	.....
Education	3,765	3,695	70	.....
Relief	20,747	22,586	.....	$1,839
Church Erection	5,100	3,700	1,400	.....
Total	$36,342	$35,796	$2,385	$1,839

Net Decrease, $546.

IV. Comparison Rate per Member.

OBJECTS.	1900.	1901.	Gain.	Whole Church in 1900.	Whole Church in 1901.
To all objects	$18 05	$19 88	$1 83	$14 93	$15 93
To Congregational and General Assembly	13 31	13 74	43	11 36	11 92
To Benevolence at Large	4 74	6 14	1 40	3 57	4 01
To Boards of the Church	1 94	2 02	08	.....	.....

The whole church gained per member to all objects, $1.00; to benevolence, 44 cents.
The Synod of New York gained per member to all objects, $1.83; to benevolence, $1.40.

SUMMARY.

Gain to all objects, 1901 over 1900	$379,469 00
Gain in Congregational Expenses, 1901 over 1900	111,615 00
Gain in General Benevolence, 1901 over 1900	186,301 00
Gain in Miscellaneous Contributions, 1901 over 1900	81,923 00
Gain in Gifts to the Boards, 1901 over 1900	18,580 00
Gain per Member, 1901 over 1900, to all objects	1 83
Gain per Member, 1901 over 1900, to Congregational Expenses	43
Gain per Member, 1901 over 1900, to Benevolence	1 40
Gain per Member, 1901 over 1900, to Boards	08
Decrease in amount drawn by Synod from Boards, 1901 from 1900,	546 00
Increase in number of contributions from the Churches, 1901 over 1900	83

IN TEN YEARS.

The number of members has increased 18,457.

The contributions to the Board of Home Missions have decreased $39,188.

The contributions to all the Boards have decreased $33,465.

In 1901 the Synod gave to the Boards .49 less per member than in 1891.

At the same rate per member as in 1891, we should give to the Boards in 1901 $459,041 instead of $371,482.

An analysis of these figures shows that, as compared with 1900, we have

made very large gains in contributions to Benevolence at large and to congregational expenses. We have given more to the Boards of the Church, and have drawn less for our own weak Churches. We have gained ground also in the number of contributions from the churches; to Home Missions a gain of 10 offerings; to Foreign Missions, 24; to Education, 23; to Sunday School Work, 24; to Church Erection, 1; to the Relief Fund, 10; to the College Board, 16; but to Freedmen a loss of 25, leaving a net gain of 83 offerings. In this respect we lead the whole Church in progress for the past year. The one really significant loss is in Home Missions, to which we gave about $2,000 less than in 1900, and less than in any year since 1885. The comparison with 1891 is not so pleasant. With an increase of 18,000 members in ten years, of $400,000 to Congregational Expenses, of $113,000 to General Benevolence, and nearly $200,000 in miscellaneous contributions, there has been a decrease in contributions to the Boards of nearly $34,000.

There has been a steady decrease in the amount drawn by the Synod from the Boards, which means that we are more and more assuming the support of the weak Churches within our borders; but we have also been diminishing the stream of our gifts. Despite the gain of last year, we gave to the Boards .49 per member less than we did in 1891. So that we are not supporting the Boards as well now as then by about twenty per cent. Even the gains of the past year, encouraging as they are, tell of a certain indifference to the work of the Boards which is not to our credit. We gained .43 per member in Congregational Expenses, $1.40 in General Beneficence, but only 8 cents in gifts to the Boards. The gain in General Beneficence was $17.50 to every dollar of gain to the Boards of the Church. By General Beneficence we do not mean the money given to charities of various kinds, hospitals, social settlements, colleges, and the like. The amount of such gifts is many times larger, and there is no way of ascertaining the sum of them. We mean, rather, gifts under the head of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and the rest reported to the General Assembly. The total of such gifts from this Synod last year was $830,000, but the Boards received only $371,000; $458,000 was given to Home Missions, but the Board handled only $130,000, less than one-third of the whole. We cannot escape the conviction that, while the Presbyterians of this Synod are becoming more and more open-handed to the call of general charity, they are giving less and less heed to the needs of our own Presbyterian work.

We want, therefore, to put the accent of this report upon the one crying need in our Beneficence, namely, *loyalty to the Boards*. Diffuse giving falls short of its end. A million dollars devoted to a single object may do much good, but distributed among a hundred million people at a cent apiece would do no good. When a Presbyterian has the spirit of giving, and wants to give, it is our business as ministers to do our best to get him to give to Presbyterian objects. Without such concentration our beneficence fails of its object. The water that is diverted to the power-house at Niagara has no effect upon the majestic flood that goes plunging over the falls; but that water pouring down those pipes, and concentrated upon the turbines, generates a power that turns thousands of wheels of industry, carries multitudes on their way, and bursts

into a million glowing bulbs illuminating temple and tower, and sending abroad over the city of light a far-shining radiance. That is precisely so with beneficence concentrated. It does not affect the general flow of giving, but, narrowed and confined to Presbyterian channels, it will turn more wheels and turn them more swiftly; it will do more work and do it better; it will give more light, shooting its rays up higher and sending them farther abroad, than beneficence allowed to flow diffusely or directed in any other channel we can name. Money given through Presbyterian agencies, and administered by Presbyterian wisdom, this, it becomes not only our privilege but our duty to secure from our people by all the tact and ingenuity, the earnestness and persistency that right conviction can awaken. Happily, we have reason to hope and believe that we are at the opening of a new era of loyalty and liberality to the work of our beloved Church, and so we thank God and take courage.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the ministers and elders of the Synod be urged to call the attention of their respective Churches to the fact that only a relatively small proportion of their gifts to Benevolence finds its way into the treasury of the Boards.

2. That a strong effort be made to have Church contributions to Missions sent directly to the Boards.

3. That the Pledge System, as recommended by the General Assembly, be heartily endorsed by this Synod.

Communications from the General Assembly, and one from the American Bible Society were presented by the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Rev. M. Woolsey Stryker, D.D., President of Hamilton College, in reply to a communication from the Synod last year, was presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. William K. Hall and David Wills, Jr., and Elder Ralph E. Prime.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered according to the arrangement.

Rev. George C. Yeisley, D.D., and Rev. Christopher G. Hazard addressed the Synod in behalf of Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report, and its recommendations were adopted :

1. A resolution referred by the Synod to this Committee :

Resolved, That the General Assembly be respectfully overtured to make a deliverance, for the guidance of the Presbyteries of the church, as to whether the form or ceremony of declaring a pulpit vacant is a part of a judicial act, or is to be observed in every case of the dissolution of a pastoral relation.

It is recommended that the overture be adopted and sent to the next Assembly.

2. A communication from the Anti-Saloon League. It is recommended that no action be taken.

3. The General Assembly's letter on Vacancy and Supply. It is recommended that the plan be adopted, and that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be the secretary of its committee on this subject.

4. It is recommended that Presbyteries call attention to changes in the Book of Discipline.

The Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions presented his report, which was accepted, and his accounts and vouchers were referred for audit to the Executive Committee :

In the Presbyteries co-operating during the past year, under the plan adopted, there are 593 Churches. Of these, 469 have contributed to our funds during the year, fifteen less than the previous year. Other Presbyteries not in active co-operation under the plan have given small sums from individual Churches, and Westchester Presbytery has contributed as a Presbytery. Buffalo and Cayuga Presbyteries have contributed towards the salary of the Superintendent. A statement of such contributions by Presbyteries and by individual Churches accompanies this report.

Aggregate contributions for the year were	$21,491 81
Balance on hand, October 1, 1900	2,704 25
Total	$24,196 06
Commissions paid in full to May 1, 1900 (New York to August 1)	$19,409 44
Salary of Superintendent and expenses of the Permanent and Executive Committees	1,780 80
Balance on hand October 1, 1901	3,005 82
Total	$24,196 06

Salaries due August 1, 1901, unpaid, about	$5,300 00
Salaries due November 1, 1901, about	5,300 00
Salaries due to Missionaries in New York Presbytery November 1, 1901	1,075 00
	$11,675 00
Borrowed from Home Mission Board	$3,000 00
	$14,675 00
Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1901	$3,005 82
Deficiency	$11,669 18

Contributions received too late to include in the report, but which the

Churches desire credited to them for the year ending October 1, amount to $216.51, increasing the balance to $3,222.33.

The fourth annual report of the Superintendent of Synodical Missions was presented and accepted, as follows:

At the outset it is fitting to note that our honored President Stevens has been ill a considerable portion of the year, and New York Presbytery's Chairman, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., was also laid aside from duty during the Summer from a similar cause. Two of our most efficient Chairmen, Rev. Richard D. Harlan and Rev. Warren D. More, have been called to important spheres of usefulness in other States. But notwithstanding these unforeseen contingencies, the work has gone steadily on and we "thank God and take courage." This has been a year of serious material losses in extensive rural portions of our State, from failure of the soil to produce its usual quota of grain and fruit, on which the agriculturist so largely depends. This has much diminished the ability of the smaller Churches to care for themselves, and renders their appeal to their city brethren for aid the more eloquent and irresistible. Our larger churches, rich in men and means, are generously sending their benefactions all over the world. We beseech you not to overlook the needy at your own doors—those who are one with you in the household of faith. Do not send them away empty when they appeal to you to assist them in securing and retaining the bread of life.

Some of our Presbyteries are working under plans differing somewhat from the Synodical idea. But all are working toward the same end, and all have aided the Superintendent in securing the needed information to complete his report. Every Presbytery of our State is represented in the schedule of this report. During the year 128 commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee, and 35 missionaries more have been laboring under Presbyterial commissions.

The following report summarizes the year's work:

Missionaries reporting	163	Baptism, infants	355
Pastors	72	Number of Sabbath Schools	203
Stated supplies	91	Number of Sabbath Schools organized	10
Churches served	184	Members of Sabbath Schools	15,989
Stations supplied at regular intervals	60	Members of Society of Christian Endeavor	4,041
Annual amount granted	$33,649	Church edifices (value $622,750)	175
Amount decrease possible	1,300	Church edifices built (at cost of $11,870)	5
Additions on profession of faith	752	Church edifices repaired (at cost of $7,807)	33
Additions by certificate	390	Church debts canceled	$5,578
Total membership	11,741	Number of manses (value $123,100)	101
Total average attendance	11,517		
Baptism, adults	253		

With exceeding gratification we announce that the churches of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn; Westminster, Auburn; Belmont in Champlain Presbytery; Pleasantville, East Meredith, Clarkstown German, and Westminster, Hornellsville, have become self-sustaining. The last has made especially commendable advance, increasing its members during the past five years from 46 to 256, nearly sixfold, and September 1st it entered its new church

edifice, costing $12,000, one of the best appointed buildings in the State for Church work on modern lines. During the year East Side Church, Rochester, South Church, Syracuse, and Blaisdell, Buffalo, have been organized. We have enrolled two churches which were formerly Congregational, Sound Beach Church, in the Presbytery of Westchester and Tannersville First, Columbia. The following churches have enjoyed special manifestations of the Holy Spirit, Mayfield, Ross Memorial and Floral Avenue, Binghamton; Prospect Heights and Bensonhurst, Brooklyn; Allegany, Orangeville, West Fayette, Wassaic, Middle Granville, Westminster, Hornellsville and Springfield, Mass. Home Crest, Brooklyn, Benson Mines and Austerlitz have been or are erecting new houses of worship. Elmira South, Ravenswood, Brunswick, Junius, Wrights Corners, and others are rejoicing over improved and renovated church edifices. Old Forge has secured a fine chapel at the head of Fourth Lake, Fulton Chain. Borough Park, Brooklyn, needs a church building. Chili and Salt Point have secured suitable manses. The same are greatly needed at Gulf Summit, Masonville and Brookfield. Many pastors and weak congregations feel the need of better appliances for prosecuting their work. One lacks a suitable communion service, another a Sabbath School library; here a church bell and there an organ would encourage and strengthen many faithful toilers in the Lord's service. By such kindly remembrances, some thoughtful and wealthy children of the King have sent gleams of sunshine into many half-discouraged hearts, and stimulated them to devise and achieve even greater things for the Master's Kingdom. "For the poor always ye have with you" will doubtless be true till time shall end. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

We can never call the work complete. Faithful workers are called to glory or are transferred to other spheres of usefulness, but the Church remains and must seek to reach and assimilate the new material which shall enter in and perpetuate its life. Constant, untiring cultivation of the field must precede the harvest. The plea of many a country as well as city flock is for faithful, sympathetic, earnest men as pastors. House-to-house work is as essential as pulpit ministrations. Some Churches, while commending the faithfulness of the few, lament the faithlessness of the many. Practical, systematic beneficence would solve many financial problems among the weak Churches. Some Churches forget the great benevolent boards, centering all their gifts on home interests. Other Churches lack willing material for elders and Sunday School workers. The influx of foreigners in some places has weakened our numbers and material resources.

From every part of the State come fervent petitions for the special manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the awakening of the careless, the reclaiming of those who have gone out of the way, having forgotten their first love, and the quickening of the entire Church, prompting it to renewed zeal and constancy in the Master's service. Thankful for the evident Divine favor enjoyed by our dependent Churches during last year, may we not confidently believe that the Great Head of the Church inspires this petition, being about to grant to His faithful ones rich spiritual blessings?

The work in our State is appealing more and more to Christian people as they become more familiar with its methods and results. Not only are its methods simple, but practical and inexpensive. Perhaps no benevolent work of the Church expends less for administrative purposes or produces larger spiritual results. Each year witnesses an increase in gifts for this object, and the work of the Church in the State is being extended in the planting of new Churches and the firmer establishing of the old by combining fields under one pastor. To-day there are very few vacant dependent churches. Church property is being greatly improved and rendered more useful, attractive and better adapted to worship. Best of all, each year marks an increase in the number of those added to the dependent Churches on profession of faith, this year touching the highest mark yet attained—752 souls. It is the cultivated and not the abandoned field from which such harvests may be reaped. Can we not feel that God is honoring the work with His own peculiar blessing?

These pastors and people engaged in this honorable, often self-sacrificing work are your brethren in the Lord, and they deserve your hearty sympathy, your most fervent prayers and your most liberal gifts. Intercourse with them will fully attest their worth. They are laying foundations in Church and State which will endure. By providing promptly and fully for their temporal necessities, by words of encouragement and Christian sympathy, by remembering them fervently at the throne of grace, will you not manifest your appreciation of their efforts and enable them to feel that their "labor is not in vain in the Lord," and the blessing of heaven shall rest upon and abide with you all forever.

The following items of personal service are herewith mentioned:

Visits to congregations	91	Presbyteries visited	9
Sermons and addresses	161	Churches supplied with pastors	40
Lord's Supper administered	6	Installations attended	2
Marriages solemnized	1	Letters written	2,460
Funerals attended	14	Miles traveled	19,133
Elder ordained	1	Salary and expenses	$1,533.75

The Report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted as follows:

Your committee is unable to present the customary statistical report which has usually prefaced this report, owing to the removal of the Secretary, Rev. Richard D. Harlan. The following recommendations are submitted:

1. We recommend the approval of the budget, and the apportionment of the amount of $30,895 among the Presbyteries according to Art. XII of the Plan.

2. That the Synod extend its thanks and express its sympathy to Mr. A. P. Stevens, Chairman of the Executive Committee, praying for his speedy recovery to health.

3. That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Henry Aird, Treasurer, for his prompt and faithful discharge of the many exacting duties of his office.

4. That the Synod calls upon the Presbyteries to see that the following instruction of the Plan be obeyed:—"The Session of each Presbyterian Church shall give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to the cause of Synodical Missions each year," and that delinquent churches be called to account for failure to contribute.

5. Since many Sessions have failed to comply with the recommendation adopted last year which is essential to the success of Synodical Missions, we would again call attention to the recommendation, which is as follows: "That, inasmuch as the Committee is entirely dependent upon the gifts of the Churches, and has no means whatever of bridging over a portion of the year without funds, it is imperative that the offerings for this cause be taken soon after the meeting of Synod, and if possible before January first, or where Churches apportion their benevolent funds according to recommendation of General Assembly that a generous percentage be set aside for Synodical Missions."

6. That the attention of Churches be called to the following instructions in sending their contributions. (*a*) That the name of the Presbytery as well as that of the Church be distinctly given. (*b*) That the word "Treasurer" be added to that officer's name on the cheques.

7. That Art. IX., Sec. 2, of the Plan, be amended to read: "Whenever a Presbytery becomes delinquent in the payment of its apportionment, the Treasurer and Synodical Superintendent shall withhold an amount proportionate to the deficiency."

Grateful for the hearty co-operation of the loyal Presbyteries which have persistently aided in this work, and confidently relying upon even a greater unanimity on the part of all our Churches, Presbyteries and Presbyterial Committees for the year to come, we hope that the motto of last year, "For Christ and the Church," will be grandly realized.

The Rev. Messrs. George Fairlee, William H. Littell and James Robertson were appointed a committee to nominate five Elders to serve for the ensuing year on the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

The Report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day was presented and accepted. Addresses were made by Rev. Howard Duffield, D. D., Commander A. V. Wadhams, U. S. N., and Rev. William S. Hubbell, D. D., and further action was postponed until Thursday.

Adjourned until Thursday at nine o'clock a. m.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 7.30 o'clock p. m.

A Popular Meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions and Missions for Freedmen. Reports were read, and addresses were made by Elders Henry W. Jessup and John Willis Baer, Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, D. D., Rev. Samuel T. Clarke and Rev. William H. Weaver, D. D.

THURSDAY, October 17, 9 o'clock a. m.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 3) were reported as being present.

The Minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The Report on Home Missions, presented Wednesday evening, was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

Through our Board of Home Missions the Synod has an experienced and effective agent for evangelizing America. We have not as yet come adequately to appreciate this fact or to avail ourselves wholly of our splendid privileges. Our progress has not been what we should have made it. Indeed, if money talks, we have hardly held our own, for during the fiscal year of 1899–1900 the Home Board received from our Churches, and various organizations within the Synod, $75,531. The last year we have sent the Board $74,686, a decrease of nearly $1,000. The largest amount, $32,982, was given by the New York Presbytery, the next by Brooklyn, $5,987; Westchester, third, $5,789; Rochester, fourth, $3,243; Geneva, fifth, $2,313; Troy, $2,155; Buffalo, $2,138, and so on through the list, the smallest amount given by one Presbytery being $190. Out of 876 Churches in the Synod, 247 failed to send an offering to the Board; and of the 629 Churches that did, only 63 gave as much as one cent a week per member.

In the year 1890–91, a decade ago, our Churches contributed $115,165 to the Home Board. Contrast this with the amount given last year, and we find the decrease is $40,479. True, that in the earlier years of the decade the Synod sent all its money for Home work through the Board, and within a few years has successfully cared for its own Synodical work, but we still find that the total amount is $106,672 during the last year, as against $115,165 ten years ago.

In fairness, it ought to be stated that our Churches have given during the last year $56,297 to the Women's Board of Home Missions, but in 1890 they gave $55,005: so that when we take the money contributed directly to the Board—and that is all that is available to the Board for evangelization—and the amount given for Synodical work and the work done by the Women's Board, the review of the decade is not one to make us proud of our achievements.

Your Committee, however, calls attention to progress made in another and important direction. Ten years ago the Board paid $42,811 for work within the bounds of the Synod. Last year the figure was $5,815. As has been intimated, the fact that in later years the Synod has cared for its own local work accounts largely for this reduction. Let it be further known, however, that the only payments made last year within the Synod by the Home Board was $2,486 for the work among the Iroquois Indians in Buffalo Presbytery, and $3,328 given to needy Churches in the Presbytery of Boston. In view of the fact that it is only within the bounds of Boston Presbytery that the Home Board makes payments, let us remember that in 1891 the amount paid by the Board was $10,939; in 1895, $7,542, and during the last year $3,328. In 1891 the Board contributed toward the support of twenty Churches in New England, and also paid the salary of the Presbyterial Missionary. This last year but twelve Churches have required the Board's assistance. Thus there has been some progress made in Boston Presbytery, and surely, though may be all too slowly, it is pressing its way toward self-support.

"America has become the wardrobe of the earth, the wheat-bin of the hemispheres, the corn-crib of all nations, the purveyor of meats to all markets, the successful competitor in the commercial trade of the globe, and the head banker of the world." What an enviable record! Would it not be well to be able to add that America is equally interested in having the cross of Christ upheld in every square mile over which wave the Stars and Stripes? Let us rally around our Board of Home Missions with a newborn desire for service and a deeper spirit of consecration. Generally speaking, "Missionary treasuries are low because many are satisfied with the thought that they are giving as much as the average church member. Average and ideal are far from meaning the same; they are not synonymous. As ministers and elders and churches, our self-preservation is conditioned on our obedience to the great commission. Now, it is preach or perish. Evangelize or fossilize. Let ours be a saving church with girded loins and burning lamp." To that end permit the following suggestions:

1. That two congregational offerings be made a year to the Home Board, and the money sent promptly to the treasurer, thus helping the Board to save a large annual interest on borrowed money. At the same time let the Synod urge all Churches to adopt some systematic plan for contributing to Home Missions, and thus avoid depending wholly upon these two congregational offerings proposed.

2. That on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving Day, the Sunday-schools be invited to make an offering to Mission School work, and the Sabbath nearest Washington's birthday be observed by an offering for the general work of the Board.

3. That the Synod urge the appointment of a Home Mission Committee in every Church familiar with the methods and motives of the Home Board, and that the name of the chairman be sent to the Home Board for enrolment.

4. That Churches, families and individuals be encouraged to support a missionary through the Board on the Home field.

5. That the Synod express its sympathy with the last Assembly's suggestion that the centennial year of Home Missions be signalized by an effort to secure $850,000 for the work of the Board, and pledge its hearty co-operation and renewed interest in the forthcoming celebration of the Centennial year.

The Report on Foreign Missions, presented Wednesday evening, was accepted, and is as follows:

Since the last meeting of the Synod the country has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity, and the territory embraced in our jurisdiction has been more highly favored, perhaps, than any other. Our offerings for World Evangelism should have doubled. Instead, the increase has been but slight, and the progress of the Kingdom is still seriously retarded. That this indicates a failure to realize the responsibilities and privileges of Christian stewardship there can be no doubt. America is the richest nation on the globe; and its financial center lies within our own ecclesiastical bounds. Yet luxury of living, extravagance in dress, profligate pleasure-seeking, reckless self-indulgence, characterize the age. Many of our people have so much money that they have difficulty in investing it advantageously. Five years ago, when we were in the midst of what were ludicrously known as hard times, for they were but relatively such, our church members, including our poorest mission people, and the hundreds who were beneficiaries of our Deacons' Boards, or other benevolent agencies, were laying aside in savings an average of not less than $500 a year. This must have increased in geometrical progression since then; and yet the Church withholds its tithes, and, by thus virtually robbing God, is proclaiming its disloyalty and limiting its blessing.

We are accustomed to charge the responsibility chiefly upon Pastors; and there the bulk of the blame must be located. For one leading the strenuous life of a pastor, burdened with the duties of leadership and organization, subject to interruptions and incessant strain, with the demands of the pulpit and of the parish each clamoring for ascendancy, it is easy to overlook claims and interests that lie without his local circle; yet only as the minister keeps the mission flame burning in his own heart is his leadership likely to be either aggressive or commanding. But your Committee, after more than a decade's superintendence, has come to feel that yet greater responsibility must be thrown upon the Sessions. These must first awake from their stupor before

our Churches can be awakened. No forward movement will be possible until our Elders join in its leadership. Could a good, stiff breeze of enthusiasm blow for a few days this Fall through the Board rooms of some of our Churches it would do more than anything else to advance the work of the Lord abroad or at home.

Then there are perfunctory Presbyterial committees, made up of members who never do Foreign Mission work in their own Churches, or who regard the position as more an honor than anything else, or who are averse to letter writing, or who are fearful of doing an aggressive thing lest they offend a fellow minister or incur the ill-will of a neighboring Church, who, in a word, are more interested in themselves than in the Kingdom of God. All our Presbyterial Committees do not answer to such a description, but not a few do, and their control is a reflection upon the Presbyteries they represent, and is the primal secret of the slow advance these Presbyteries are making in this branch of church benevolence.

Your Committee, desiring to be an example to those with whom it is co-operating, has given itself to an active campaign during the past year. It undertook, early, to organize mission mass meetings in the largest centers of population. In view of the then recent uprising in China, it was thought wise to make the Chinese persecutions the subject of these meetings, and two of our ablest China missionaries, Rev. Albert A. Fulton and Rev. George Cornwell, kindly put themselves at the service of the Committee. It proved impracticable to organize meetings in New York, Brooklyn, Utica, Albany, Poughkeepsie, Binghamton, Elmira, Watertown and Plattsburg, owing, in most cases, to the fact that missionary gatherings had recently been held at those centers, though in a few cases the pastors appealed to expressed serious doubt as to the wisdom of the plan. Of the twelve cities in the original list, but three, Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse, responded. The meetings at these points were largely attended, and left impressions that must prove abiding.

But the work which perhaps proved the most fruitful was that of Presbyterial visitation, in which every Church in certain Presbyteries was addressed upon Foreign Missions and stirred, we believe, to new zeal and better organization. These itineraries were conducted by the Field Secretary of the Foreign Board, Rev. Dr. Thomas Marshall, who rendered a service whose results are incalculable. Bringing to it ripe experience, practical knowledge, and a heart burning with a passion for souls and for the extension of the Kingdom, his visitation became a blessing to the Churches, and their universal testimony was that he had made a deep impression, and planted seed that will yield abundant harvest. The Committee acknowledges its indebtedness to Dr. Marshall, and hopes that he may find it possible in the near future to return to this Synod and give it more of his masterful service. His itinerary embraced the Presbyteries of Troy, Genesee and Albany. The expense has been borne in part by the Churches, but chiefly by the treasury of the committee, which has been kept replenished by interested persons. We close the year with a balance of $115.01.

Your committee pledges itself to continue the work committed to its care, and to do it, if possible, with greater intelligence, devotion and zeal than ever. But is that enough? Heavy, indeed, is the burden of responsibility which falls upon this foremost Synod of the Church. Never have the doors of heathendom swung wider open than now; never have our missionaries been the picked men and women, intellectually, physically or spiritually, that they are to-day; never has our Board been better organized; never has the voice of Providence spoken more clearly or loudly to the Church than at this moment. Will the churches, then, outdo their past, or will they, by prolonged indifference, prevent the advance to which the Spirit calls, and which were otherwise so easily possible? The time has come for our great ecclesiastical bodies to step out into a strong, aggressive leadership, and bid the Church to follow. Shall not this Synod be the first to move, and send down to every minister, Presbytery, Presbyterial Committee, and particularly every Session, a call to a forward movement that shall be not merely a resolution, a sentiment, an ecclesiastical deliverance, but a spiritual challenge, a holy command, the giving of marching orders in the name of the Captain of our salvation? Because this seems to your committee the need of the hour, we refrain from offering the usual formal recommendations, but, pledging ourselves to new endeavor and renewed enterprise, we beg the Synod to sound forth such a summons to the Presbyteries, and the Churches under their care, as shall command immediate attention and challenge full response; and we bespeak from every Minister and Elder attending this session a consecration to this movement and a co-operation with it that shall be profound, sincere and entire.

A resolution concerning a digest of the Laws of the Assembly and Synod affecting our vacant missionary churches was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The consideration of the report on the Observance of the Lord's Day was resumed, and its recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows:

There are not wanting evidences that the Church is beginning to realize the importance of pressing home upon men's consciences the obligation, the privileges and the blessings of "remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Undoubtedly it is awakening to the seriousness of the situation. For railroads and newspapers, trade and pleasure have been tempting even members of the Church to forget that the Lord's Day is sacred to God and holy things. A spirit of so-called liberalism decries the narrowness of any conscientious regard for the Sabbath, and the Sabbath-desecrating secular press is a willing megaphone for the sounding forth of such sentiments. The customs of society have changed seriously, and not for the better, as is plainly seen on every hand. But Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, Councils, Conferences and Convocations are pushing this question to the front, and are

uttering their voice with no uncertain sound. The time is come when, not so much in its legal as in its social, philanthropic and spiritual aspects, it must be given a most important place in our deliberations, because of the peril which has arisen and of the transcendent importance of preserving the day and maintaining its religious observance. More fundamentally important is it to the purity and well-being of the Church and to the efficiency of its work of salvation that all men shall be free to keep the day holy, and that all Christians shall keep it holy, than is either home or foreign missions, or, for that matter, any object to which we give our prayers and offerings. The maintenance of a regular and general church attendance, the strength of the spiritual life, steady growth in grace, the vigorous prosecution of the Church's philanthropic and missionary operations, all depend upon improving the opportunities which come to our work-burdened, world-weary humanity only in the right use of the Lord's Day. Said President Timothy Dwight, of Yale, "Take this day from the Christian's calendar and all that remains will be cloudy and cheerless; religion will instantly decay; ignorance, error and vice will immediately triumph, the sense of duty vanish, morals fade away, the acknowledgment and even the remembrance of God be far removed from mankind, the glad tidings of salvation cease to sound, and the communioation between earth and heaven cut off forever." While Bishop Peck pithily says: "The Sabbath is the lungs by which the Christian religion breathes. Destroy it, and Christianity dies of consumption."

Patriotism not less demands a well and universally kept Sabbath. Sir Charles Reed is right in declaring that "the defence of the Sabbath is a patriotic duty." De Tocqueville once said to an American, when our Sabbath-keeping was much better than it is now: "France must have your Sabbath or she is ruined." It is of intense interest to note the vigorous struggle now waging in that land to regain what we must be alert not to lose. May God prosper the issue in both lands! This nation can not permit its great industries, its expositions, its gigantic corporations, its seekers after pleasure, or those covetous of gain to violate the laws of God or of the State for the weekly rest day without sowing seeds which shall imperil the security of property and the safety of human life. The great tragedy enacted so recently in Buffalo not only plunged the civilized world into mourning, but has also had the more blessed result of quickening the public conscience to demand a deeper and more general regard for sacred things.

We record with mingled grief and indignation that the Pan-American Exposition has been opened each Lord's Day in spite of petitions signed by about 2,000,000 citizens, and in opposition to the protests of churches and labor organizations of the State. In the language of the General Assembly, this is "opposed to the best traditions and interests of American institutions and civilization." It is significant that on Sundays—though the charge for admission is but half that of other days, and though this is the day when shops, stores and offices are closed, and toiling multitudes are free—the attendance has averaged only one-half of that on week days. The hearts of the masses

are still right; they desire no breaking down of holy things. May the God of all righteousness ever keep them so!

The Sunday law has been strengthened in the State since our last meeting. Many places of trade which were then legally open on Sunday must now be closed. This is the work of the better elements in these shops. Christians should encourage further action in the same line. There is absolutely no valid reason for the opening of groceries and confectioners' and tobacco shops. The open tobacco shop is especially objectionable, as it becomes an idling place for many men and boys who ought to be either with their families at home or at church, or else in the fresh air, and not in the little back room of the cigar store, thick with smoke, and often vile with impure story and lewd jest, where the best things that are offered are the Sunday newspaper and games of chance. Your Committee recommends:

1. That we again place on record our deep conviction of the imperative importance and duty (1) of maintaining the institution of the American Christian Sabbath, and (2) of remembering the day to keep it holy. To this end we warn all the members of our churches against its many insidious foes; and we charge them to be particularly watchful of themselves, that by both word and deed they honor the day and keep it for holy and spiritual things.

2. We call the attention of all our ministers and Sessions to the action of the Assembly recommending that in every church during the month of April, 1902, there be preached a sermon upon this subject, and that an offering be taken at that service for the American Sabbath Union.

3. The Synod frankly records its appreciation of the fact that, by closing the Midway and stopping the machinery, the Directors have made the Sunday opening of the Pan-American Fair as unobjectionable as possible. Nevertheless, it profoundly deprecates the fact that in disregard of the best sentiment in the State, and the direct petitions of so large a number of its people, and insensible to the command of God to keep the Sabbath holy, they have seen fit to prosecute a secular business upon the Lord's Day, and have opened the gates of the Exposition from one to eleven o'clock P. M. each Sunday; whereas, to borrow the words of the Assembly, "they should have closed the said gates to visitors all the hours of each Sunday during the continuance of the said Exposition." At the same time we would remember with honor such directors of the Exposition as from first to last fought against this pernicious action.

4. That all the Presbyteries connected with this Synod be requested to appoint Committees on Sabbath Observance.

5. That the Synod again commend to the churches the American Sabbath Union, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the New York Sabbath Committee, and the New England Sabbath Association.

A resolution respecting the observance of the Lord's Day was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and a communication from the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers was referred to the same committee.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D., Secretary of the Board, the recommendations were adopted :

The appeal made by the Board is pathetic, because the conditions on which it is based make it so. These conditions briefly are that the Board is charged by the Church with the duty of providing for the veterans of its service no longer able to do so for themselves, and the Presbyterian Church neglects or fails to furnish the means. Stated with some specification, the facts are that on the roll of the Board for the year ending March 31, 1901, there are 931 families; twenty-eight more than in any previous year. Those of this number on the Honorably Retired roll—136 aged ministers—received an average annuity of $258.47, the maximum allowance being but $300, while the remainder obtained but $180 per annum. This latter meagre amount was a little less than paid the previous year, the lamentable fact being that the addition of any to the number under the Board's care is not provided for by additional contributions, but necessitates a deduction from the already inadequate sum apportioned to those previously on the roll. And the increase in numbers continues, this year the proportion of annuitants being in the startling ratio of one in every eight ministers on the roll of the Assembly. Thus, unless the Churches come to its help, the Board will be compelled still further and continuously to cut down the annuities, now all too small. This in face of the fact that the average contribution per member of the Church at large is less than ten cents per year.

How stands the Synod of the Empire State, with a Church membership of, say, 185,000? There is some gratification in being able to report even a few encouraging features. More churches of the Synod have contributed than the previous year, the number being 602 as against 594; but with the increase in the number of churches, that of those not contributing to the Board is larger, namely, 253 as against 249 the previous year. The contributions have been larger, reaching a total of $22,296.33 as against $21,690.50 for the year ending 1900, yet an average of about only twelve cents per church member for the Synod. But to offset the enlarged contributions there is the discouraging fact that, for the first time in the record, the Presbyteries of the Synod drew from the Board more than was contributed, to the amount of nearly $300. Ten years ago this Synod gave to the Board $28,140.96 as against $22,296.33 last year, and drew out then $16,792, as against $22,586.67 this year, a difference against the Board of $11,639.30 as compared with ten years ago, notwithstand-

ing the interest in members and the vast increase in the wealth of our churches. No other of the great Synods shows so great falling off.

Coming to the Presbyteries, we find that during last year 9 increased their contributions as against 13 the previous year; that of New York leads with an enlargement of $1,373, or 15 per cent; Buffalo, Niagara, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Long Island, Utica, Boston and Cayuga follow, some in larger and some in smaller proportions. The remainder of the Presbyteries either contribute substantially as before, or decreasing somewhat. Much more might be said, but enough is indicated to make it evident that our churches are not doing what they should or could. Is it that the Christian people will not heed the urgent necessities of those who are in a special sense our Lord's brethren, of whom certainly he would have said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"? Surely it cannot be. Shall we not rather believe that they do not know? It was with this latter view that your Committee undertook the work in accordance with the recommendation made by the Synod at its last meeting. A plan was elaborated by which it was expected to reach every Church in the Synod through the Presbyterial Committee, and, if possible, secure the appointment of a Committee in each to promote interest in this Board. Correspondence was opened with the Clerks of Presbyteries, and a letter was addressed to each Chairman explaining the purposes of your Committee, and arranging for a scheme for carrying on the work, as well as offering co-operation to the fullest extent. The plan embodied a report to be returned to your Committee by the Presbyterial Chairmen as to the work in the churches under their care. For sufficient reasons, the plan was not put into operation until the Spring, perhaps partly because it was then late. Returns have been made to us thus far only in a very few cases. Notwithstanding, we have reason to believe that in the Presbyteries, at least, a number of them—but how many we regret to be unable to say—the method was adopted and supported. Your Committee, therefore, indulges a hope that it has been, and may yet be, productive of helpful results, and that the same may be shown in the next report. In any event, it is evident that patient and specific effort, persistently followed up, is needed on the part of Synods and Presbyteries to inform pastors and people, and impress them with their duties, and the needs in connection with this work. Your Committee heartily accords with the remark in the Report of the Board to the last Assembly that "nothing will or can take the place of an earnest, warm-hearted presentation of this sacred cause from the pulpit by pastors and supplies of churches," and also in the further observation that "If every Session would appoint a Standing Committee as General Assemblies have recommended, such a Committee could devise ways and means to raise more money than is generally raised."

Your Committee also most urgently commends this object to the Elders of our Churches, whose special interest should be enlisted. It is particu-

larly appropriate and gracious that they should largely relieve the pastors in this matter.

In view of what has been stated, and of much more that might be recited, shall not this Synod, its Pastors and Elders, be stimulated to renewed effort for the coming year? Your Committee recommends:

1. That in view of the pressing and ever-increasing needs of the Board of Relief, the Synod earnestly renews its enjoinder that every Church on its roll take up a collection, at least once annually, for this object, and recommends that on the Sabbath previous to the collection, or as nearly so as circumstances will permit, a sermon be preached bearing on the subject, and urging these claims; also that on the same occasion the leaflets issued by the Board giving information regarding it should be distributed among the people.

2. That the Synod urges Presbyteries to give a prominent place to the work of the Board, and through their chairmen to specially call for the co-operation of the Elders, so that by the appointment of a Committee in each Church as repeatedly recommended by the Assembly, and the continued encouragement of their active efforts, the interest of the people may be stimulated.

3. That the Permanent Committee of the Synod should be diligent in communication and co-operation with the Presbyteries looking to the carrying out of these recommendations, and in such other direction as may be deemed helpful and desirable.

4. That the Synod notes with great interest the action taken by the last Assembly through its Committee on Ministerial Relief and the subsequent attitude of the Elders of that Assembly in popular meeting assembled. It welcomes the special Committee appointed by the Assembly to consider, in connection with the Board of Relief, the whole question of the support of honorably retired ministers and their families, and hopes earnestly that some plan may be presented by it to the next Assembly which may commend itself to the churches and be urged by them in the interest of an adequate provision for the object named.

The interests of the American Bible Society were presented by Rev. John Fox, D.D., one of the Secretaries.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted:

In order of seniority, the work of this Board stands midway between Home Missions, just rounding out a full century, and Aid for Colleges, still in its teens. At this first meeting in the new century we look back and ask, what has been accomplished since the Old School Assembly inaugurated this work in 1844, under the name of Church Extension? In the first year there were 42 appropriations, and the modest sum of $2,730 was paid out. Nearly threescore years have elapsed, and some four million dollars have been paid out in aid of over 6,500 churches, about ten per cent. (in number) of

these appropriations being for manses. The bare statement of even this large sum gives but little idea of the extent of this work. The property benefited must exceed fifteen million dollars in value. The churches aided in securing permanent homes are located all the way from San Juan to Skaguay. One is well named "Northern Light," while another looks out toward the tropical seas. Men of various hues and kindreds and tribes and tongues gather to worship the common Father under roofs which this agency has helped to rear. In round numbers, $2,000 has been granted for Porto Rico, to be followed we trust by many other grants; $7,000 in aid of 13 churches in Alaska; $65,000 in Indian Territory; $34,000 in Montana. For convenience let us take $25,000 as a unit. This sum (approximately) has been spent in aid of churches in Oklahoma, West Virginia and Florida; twice as much in Oregon, Tennessee and Texas; three times in Colorado and each of the Dakotas; four times in the State of Washington; six times in Nebraska and California; eight times in Minnesota and Missouri; more than ten times in Kansas, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Iowa. In our own Synod nearly $200,000 has been spent in aid of more than 300 churches, benefiting property worth a million dollars.

The work has grown in variety and complexity. Special needs have given rise to a half-dozen funds in place of the one general fund of the early days. The church offerings go, as always heretofore, for the grants that are made in modest sums to assist the feebler congregations. The Loan Fund is for stronger churches, building more costly structures, for which they are able to pay by distributing the payments over a series of years. Such loans bear interest, of course. Two funds also give help for manse building. The "Manse Fund" proper is loaned in small sums without interest, to be returned usually in three annual payments. The new "Raynolds Fund" offers help for churches erecting more expensive manses, desiring loans upon which a moderate rate of interest is paid. The Stuart and the Barber Funds are for special purposes, designated by the donors.

In our own Synod we rejoice to find that in 1901, as in 1900, the number of contributing churches has stood well above 500. The total contribution for 1901, $13,893, gives an average of about $25.00 for each contributing church. This in itself seems fairly satisfactory. But examination of the Board's report shows that the few do by far the larger part. In this case, eighteen of our churches, giving $100 or more each, have contributed over $8,000. The others, more than 500 in number, have given less than $6,000. On the honor roll of eighteen are two churches each in Brooklyn, Buffalo and Cayuga Presbyteries, nine in New York, and one each in Otsego, Rochester and Westchester. It is a typical fact that the one church in Rochester gives fully a third as much to this object as its thirty sisters together, the two churches in Buffalo give almost the same sum as their twenty contributing sisters, the two in Cayuga give nearly three times as much as their ten contributing sisters, while the nine in New York give more than nineteen times as much as their twenty-three contributing sisters. Observe that we are not speaking of the churches which give nothing at all. In short, and in

round numbers, eighteen churches give over $8,000, where the other 500 odd give less than $6,000.

In contributions to this object our Synod has fallen far below the level of ten years ago. In 1890 we gave more than half as much as all the other Synods together, and nearly twice as much as Pennsylvania. Now we give scarcely more than a third of the gifts of the other Synods, and but little more than Pennsylvania. Indeed, New York fell behind Pennsylvania in 1899 and 1900, but has now regained her lead. Her gifts to this object are doubly important, for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are the Synods by which, in a very real sense, the Board lives. Some Synods regularly give less than they draw out, a few give sometimes less and sometimes more, while the three named are the ones which regularly give more than they ask for.

A close study reveals the following facts concerning the Presbyteries: Three, Binghamton, Columbia and Troy, show a considerable decrease in offerings. Buffalo is irregular in its gifts, and shows a considerable decrease in 1901 as compared with 1900. Fourteen may be classified as fairly steady in gifts of recent years, in no case showing any considerable gain, although in some cases falling far below the standard of 1890 or 1891. Albany, Champlain and Steuben have been fairly uniform in their gifts. Chemung, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, North River, Rochester and Syracuse have been fairly uniform in recent years, but have not reached the level of ten years ago. Lyons shows quite a decrease in 1901, and Nassau and Otsego for two years past. Three Presbyteries, New York, St. Lawrence and Westchester, show recent growth, though still not up to the older standard. In two cases, Boston and Brooklyn, recent growth has brought them up practically to the older standard, though Brooklyn has not reached the figure of 1890. Three Presbyteries show good growth, Cayuga, Niagara and Utica. Cayuga has practically reached and Niagara and Utica have far surpassed the best previous record under review. Will not the other Presbyteries emulate the good example? It is recommended:

1. That chairmen of Presbyterial Committees on Church Erection be requested to help in securing increased offerings from our churches, especially where contributions have diminished in recent years.

2. That the attention of the Presbyteries and chairmen of Presbyterial Committees be called to the action of the last Assembly as follows: That it be incorporated in the Standing Rules of Presbyteries that the chairmen of all Presbyterial Committees on Church Erection shall report to the Board as early information as possible in regard to any church which has been dissolved or which has practically abandoned for religious services its church building.

3. That Elder Orrin Day, at his own request, be excused from serving on this committee, and that Elder Walter McEwan be substituted.

Rev. Henry C. Minton, D. D., of the Synod of California, and Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on

the Records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending that the Records of the following Presbyteries be approved without exception: Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Eastern Persia, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, North Laos, Rochester, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Forms of Worship reported progress and was continued.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had found nothing calling for the action of the Synod, and the report was accepted.

The Committee to nominate five elders to serve on the permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions reported, recommending that the following be appointed: Albert P. Stevens, Horace B. Silliman, Benjamin P. Wayne, W. L. Amerman and Rufus L. Sisson. The report was adopted.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school work presented its report, which was accepted.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of the Synod and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected for the term expiring in 1904:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., James Yereance, James M. Ham.

Trustees of Elmira College: Francis Hall, William R. Rathbun, Thomas Cochrane, Henry G. Merriam, A. B., Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D., Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B.

Examiners: Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph.D., Rev. Daniel MacKay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt; and Rev. Newton L. Reed in place of Rev. James Gardner, D. D., deceased, for the term expiring in 1902.

The report on Publication and Sabbath-school work, previously presented, was considered, and after addresses by Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., Secretary of the Board, and Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, the recommendations were adopted:

Amid the discouragement of our work among adults, it is a comfort to know that childhood is all-defenseless against Christian truth. As some one says, "Childhood is the open door; youth the closing gateway; manhood the barricaded entrance."

In a great Sunday-school meeting in New York, ten years ago, when the Metropolitan Opera House was crowded with friends of the cause, a speaker asked that those who had been converted before the age of twenty should rise, and the audience seemed to rise *en masse*. The greatest work the Church has done, will do and can do is among the children. Hence this Board has a strategic importance that Assemblies and Synods utterly fail to give it. If fourteen out of the twenty-two million of children in the land are out of Sunday-school, and if the land is ever to be won entirely for Christ, here alone is the hopeful point of attack. It is a question whether any other Board of the Church, with all its magnificent work, has the importance of this work, if wisely and vigorously prosecuted. This Board is establishing Sunday-schools at the rate of three a day, and its ninety-three missionaries are visiting seventy thousand neglected homes every year, and fifteen hundred converts are added to the Church every year through its ministry.

It also, through its publications, is ministering as no other Board is ministering, to the unchurched classes. No more powerful preaching of the gospel than in its little paper, "Forward," with its 175,000 circulation; or in its 45,000,000 of copies of lesson helps and papers. The literature of the Board travels everywhere; and both in its publication department and in its establishing of Sunday-schools on the frontier it is doing the most aggressive and, in some ways, the most important work to which the Church is committed.

Its business department is magnificently run, and has a profit this year of $23,881, of which $15,920 has been given to missionary work; and its missionary department, which is in truth the scouting work of the Church, is showing increasing fruits constantly.

From the work of this Board over a thousand churches have grown, of which 594 are Presbyterian; and out of the 109 Presbyterian churches that were founded last year, 54 are the direct result of the work of this Board.

If any cause in our beloved Church has a right to ask for increased contributions, this cause has; and we are persuaded, if the members of this Synod realize the stupendous importance of this work, the paltry $22,000 the Synod gave our Board last year will be very greatly increased. We ask special

attention to the appended facts concerning the Normal and Home Departments in the Sunday-school, and submit the following recommendations:

1. That every Sunday-school be urged to establish both a Normal and a Home Department, and to use the graded lesson helps of this Board.

2. That every pastor be urged to present the cause at least once a year, and to call for a generous offering from the Church.

3. That every Sunday-school be urged to observe Children's Day and Rallying Day by contributing to the work of this Board.

4. That every Christian Endeavor Society be urged to give each year to this important work.

President George B. Stewart, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of Auburn Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted:

1. The Committee has audited the annual report of the Treasurer, and compared the same with the vouchers, and finds the same correct. The balance available for the expenses of the current year is $1,040.92. All the Presbyteries paid their apportionments to October 1st.

2. In view of the small income of the Synod, insufficient this year to meet the fixed charges of administration, the Committee feels the necessity of caution in making appropriations, unless a substantial advance is to be made in the annual assessments on the Presbyteries; and the Committee urges the Synod to enjoin its committees not to involve the Synod in any pecuniary pledges in anticipation of its possible action.

3. As to the publication of the Laws of the Assembly and Synod affecting vacant missionary churches, the Committee finds that there are no available funds in the treasury for the purpose.

4. It is recommended that an appropriation of $30 for the current year be made to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence for its necessary disbursements, and $2.50 for expenses incurred by the Committee on Church Erection.

Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D.D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Twentieth Century Fund, and the "Presbyterian Building," New York.

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial minute in view of the assassination of the lamented President of the United States, William McKinley, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and it was ordered that a certified copy be sent to Mrs. McKinley:

Assembled under the lingering shadow of the foul tragedy that carried away the beloved and honored President of our country, among the citizens whose Exposition he came to honor, who looked one day upon his noble, kindly face and almost the next upon his "chill, changeless brow," we recognize the fitness of giving expression to the sentiment that rises unbidden in our hearts; not only because he was President of the United States, and filled his great office as few have filled it, not only because we happen to be in the place of the last sad scenes, but because of the Christian integrity and nobility of his life, and the patient, Christlike beauty of his triumphant death.

We, therefore, the members of the Synod of New York, record our appreciation of the rare Christian qualities of William McKinley, and the profound sense of sorrow and loss we feel in his tragic death. We register our thanks to God, that during one of the most serious and momentous periods of American history He gave us a Chief Magistrate who, though highly gifted as a statesman and supported by the wisest and ablest counsel he could choose, yet, like the great martyr-President of the Civil War, sought his ultimate guidance from the God of nations. He sought to follow, as best he could, the "kindly light amid the encircling gloom," and it shone brightly round him at the last, till he saw "the distant scene."

We thank God that in these days when the holy bonds of matrimony have become so shamefully loose, and laws cravenly accommodate themselves to the lust of men, we have had in the most conspicuous place in the country the benign spectacle of a man who adorned that holy estate by his patient, constant, tireless, loving devotion to his frail, sweet wife.

We are thankful for yet one other example of those who, by patient industry and consecrated talents, rise steadily up from the common ranks of society to the highest position in the gift of the nation. We rejoice in the honesty, integrity, simplicity, purity and beauty of the character of William McKinley, during his career of public life. We declare our unspeakable abhorrence of the dastardly act, one of the worst in the annals of crime, which robbed the country of her chief in the very zenith of his power and usefulness. The blood of William McKinley "like sacrificing Abel's, cries even from the deep and tongueless caverns of the earth," to God and man for righteous dealing with the mad anarchical ravings of tongue and pen, of which the work of the assassin is but the natural culmination.

We express our profound sympathy with the widow in her uncommon loneliness, when he, upon whom she leaned, returns no more. We assert our sympathy with President Roosevelt, who has been elevated to the Presidential chair by means far other than those he would have chosen, and we pledge him our best wishes and prayers while he endeavors to execute the great office to which he has been called by an inscrutable Providence.

The Committee to prepare a minute in view of the death of many of the ministerial brethren of the Synod during the past

year reported the following, which was adopted by a rising vote, and prayer was offered by the Rev. John Q. Adams:

The death list of the Synod for the past year is exceptional for its length and for the distinction of its members. The contemplation of it stirs the heart with profound sorrow because of our bereavement, while at the same time we are reminded of the way in which God has honored and enriched our Church in the gift of such men and of such service. Tried veterans like Ezra A. Huntington, George W. Wood, John C. Lowrie, L. Merrill Miller, Levi Parsons, James Gardner, J. Jermain Porter and A. Parke Burgess remind us of spotless characters and life-long as well as distinguished service. Whilst their final summons saddens us, we cannot be surprised. Upon the veteran's brow has been placed the victor's wreath. They have entered into rest, and their works do follow them.

Maltbie D. Babcock and George T. Purves, at a remarkably early period of their lives, had not only attained the highest positions as pastors and preachers, they had also given prophecy of many years of even longer and richer service. To the Presbytery of New York, and to the Churches of which they were the beloved pastors, the Synod expresses its profoundest sympathy. These leaders were bearing the full heat and burden of the day with such marked ability and fidelity in their commanding positions as to render their translation a deep and widespread loss. Resigned, but sorrowing, we bow to the unquestioned and unchallenged wisdom of God, saying "Thy will be done!"

The name of Walter Lowrie, at once sacred and historic in the Presbyterian Church, recalls one whose brief ministry gave full promise of his being worthy in every way of his illustrious ancestry. By those whose privilege it was to know him, he will be remembered as one in whom the fruits of the Spirit were ever manifest. And to this list of faithful and lamented brethren we add the name of George D. Meigs, whose memory will be held in affectionate esteem by all who knew his gentle spirit and exemplary life.

The Stated and Permanent clerks were appointed a Permanent Committee on Necrology.

The Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., was re-elected Synodical Superintendent for the ensuing year.

The Committee on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies presented an informal report which was accepted.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev.

Edward B. Hodge, D. D., Secretary of the Board, the recommendation was adopted:

The receipts of the Board of Education during the past year were $75,253.12. The contributions from our Synod were $10,737, a slight falling off from last year. The number of students within the Synod receiving aid was 47. The number of churches contributing was 495, and those failing to contribute, 399. The number of candidates enrolled the past year under the care of the Board was 600, being 116 fewer than during the previous year. This is a remarkable falling off, and a great reduction in the number a few years ago. In 1896 the Board had under its care 1,037. Since that date the number has steadily declined—in 1898 to 814; in 1900 to 716, and in the year closing March, 1901, to the very low mark of 600, a decrease of over 40 per cent. in five years. If any one thinks there is danger of our soon having too many ministers, let him consider these facts and see what appears to be the prospect. There certainly seems to be need yet for our obeying the Saviour's command, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into his harvest."

It is certain that the churches have, to a large degree, lost their old-time interest and zeal in the multiplication of the ministry, and are not feeling as keenly as of old the responsibility which rests upon them to seek its replenishing, by prayer to Him who gives the secret call of the Spirit by which our young men are inclined and constrained to volunteer. And with respect to the young men themselves, we must not forget how persistently they have been told of late that there is no room for them in the ministry. It is greatly overcrowded, they are told, and they have therefore been tempted to devote themselves to teaching, to business, to the natural sciences, to law and to medicine, notwithstanding the real and almost startling overcrowding of some of these professions and pursuits. Our Lord has not countermanded His injunction. He gave it when his heart was moved by the sight of human misery. Circumstances now are such as to enhance the necessity of obedience to that command. Such a view of world-wide spiritual need, and such a wealth of physical means and opportunities for bringing the grace of the Gospel to its relief, never met human vision before. The cry now is for more men to carry forward the work.

It must be plain how much depends upon those already filling the sacred office. The minister is the leader of the people at the time of public prayer, and it is within his power to revive the old-fashioned habit of praying for an increase of the ministry at the Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meeting, to encourage by his example and influence a similar prayer in families and in the closet, and also to awaken a disposition on the part of parents to dedicate their children to the holy office.

Your Committee recommends, that the claims of the Gospel Ministry be emphasized afresh by our ministers and elders; and also that they give the fullest possible information regarding the object of the Board of Education, and an opportunity in every Church to contribute toward its work.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented the following report, which was accepted, and Mr. William C. Lilley, Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee, addressed the Synod:

The Presbyterian Church, from the beginning of the Temperance movement in America, has been at the front in its testimony for total abstinence and the condemnation of the liquor traffic. But in fifty years there has been no marked advance in the position and activity of the Church. It may even be asserted that there is less preaching, less zeal in pressing the duty of total abstinence, and less earnest effort by the Church to abolish the liquor business. Outside of the Church the movements for this reform and against it have been very great. On the one hand, the corporate, industrial and fraternal organizations of society for mutual advantage in commercial and material gain have steadily advanced in the commendation and requirement of total abstinence. Investigations in physical science, the practice of medicine, hygienic instruction in schools, with increased attention to physical training, having regard to the development and continuance of bodily and mental health and endurance, increased intelligence in dealing with social problems of poverty and vice and crime, a wider and clearer vision of the essentials in all the relations and responsibilities of men, and the observation and study of all phases of this question embodied in a literature that is even now a marvel of learning in research and testimony, have made great advances to enforce the position that abstinence from intoxicating drinks is essential to man's well-being. And the Church has not freshened and enforced her testimony by any corresponding advance in the application of the principles of her spiritual warfare to hold her rightful place in the front of all the forces that make for righteousness in this warfare.

The temperance reform had its origin and impulse in the awakened conscience of the Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, for this reform as in every good work; and it becomes the Church to awaken to the responsibilities and privileges of her high calling. On the other hand, the forces of evil to hold back the temperance movement and to fortify against successful assault the sale and use of drink have been immensely strengthened. Witness the enormous increase in the production and use of native wines and fermented liquor; the national, State and municipal organizations of distillers, brewers and liquor dealers, with their unscrupulous domination over political machinery and official position, their direct and indirect control of legislation, and the systematic disregard and defiance of law, suborning all the machinery of law enforcement; especially the power for mischief of the revenue system, by which the National Government is made an active and interested partner to receive from this business more than $100,000,000 a year; and to protect and promote this revenue, this price of blood, making the government at Washington careful not to be hostile but rather to foster this organized robbery of the people in this gigantic crime of crimes, the manufacture and sale of drink. Hence the spectacle of internal revenue tax receipts, where the people have made the traffic an outlaw, arraying the Federal power against the people, and

on the side of the law-breaker. Hence the shameful and disastrous flooding of the islands acquired from Spain with the products of American distilleries and breweries. Hence the delay in joining with other nations to exclude drink from the lands where missionaries are pleading to have the people saved from the devastation of this evil thing. Hence the studied effort to re-establish the official canteen or army saloon. Hence a department of the Government year after year in consultation with the liquor barons on the ways and means to increase their business and magnify their power. The revenue which the Government receives is a hideous bribe which blinds the moral sense of the nation and paralyzes righteous action.

In New York, the Raines law for revenue and political control legalizes the traffic on the Lord's Day, stimulates and inflames the vices which thrive about the drinking-place, and with devilish subtlety makes every town and county where the traffic is thus legalized an active and interested participant with the State in the liquor business, blinds the conscience, and stupefies the indignation which should drive out the wickedness. Revenue from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink is wrong in principle and hurtful in practice, and gives the enemies a position in the avarice of men that defies any assault that is less than the power of God. Here again the Church is ordained to make manifest the power of God for the overthrow and destruction of the kingdom of darkness. Shame and loss must attend the neglect or refusal of the Church to bear faithful witness against this great iniquity, in partaking of the fruits of this sinful lust. There is great need of an awakening in the Church to an aroused moral sentiment which shall enforce the destruction of this masterpiece of Satan—the drinking habit and the liquor traffic. Ministers and members of the Church should be intelligent and consistent in testimony and practice in every way, to promote total abstinence. Teachers of the young, especially, should be faithful in teaching temperance. Use should be made of every agency to counteract indifference to the temptation as it exists in the drink traffic. Temperance literature in books, periodicals and leaflets should be freely distributed. Particularly in the Presbyterian Church, the admirable reports of the Assembly's Permanent Committee, and its other publications, should be circulated in all our congregations, and all our people should contribute moral and material support to the work of our Church represented by that Committee.

The Committee to collate the reports on the Records of the Presbyteries, reported recommending that the Records of the Presbytery of Binghamton be approved with the following exception:

P. 513. The Presbytery recommended certain action directly to Sunday Schools, instead of to Church Sessions for Sunday Schools.

The Committee also recommended that the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn be approved, with the following exceptions:

1. P. 21. The item pertaining to the sentence of Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D.D., tried, found guilty, and suspended for six months. The action suspending for a definite time was contrary to Chapter XI. of the Directory for Worship; and, considering the actrocious nature of the crimes of which the accused was found guilty, if the suspension for six months, and not until he gave satisfactory evidence of repentance, had been authorized by our standards, it was not wise, equitable, or for the edification of the Church.

2. The record on p. 83, where Dr. Moment was restored to the ministry in virtue of a denial of that of which he had been declared guilty, such action being not wise nor for the edification of the Church.

It further recommended the approval of the Records of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, with the following exception:

That the minutes of the last Fall meeting are faintly typewritten on pages loosely pasted in the Record book; and it is recommended that the minutes be written with the pen as heretofore.

The report was adopted.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile and Siam were not presented.

The Committee to which was referred a letter to the Stated Clerk from President Stryker of Hamilton College presented a report which was accepted, and the following substitute was adopted: That in view of the President's letter a Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College be appointed as heretofore, to consist of two ministers and one elder.

The following Committees were appointed to co-operate with President MacKenzie in promoting the interests of Elmira College:

Eastern: Henry M. Flagler, Louis H. Severance, Samuel Q. Brown, John J. McCook, D. Willis James, William H. H. Moore, William H. Parsons, Daniel W. McWilliams, Rev. John F. Carson, D. D. *Western:* John J. Albright, John G. Milburn, Charles E. Walbridge, Josiah Letchworth, Frank E. Sickels, James C. Hart, Harold C. Kimball, Rev. William H. Hubbard, Rev. George B. Spalding, D. D.

The action of the last General Assembly, pp. 130, 131, in reference to the American Tract Society, was adopted as the action of the Synod.

The Nineteenth Annual report of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions was presented and accepted, and is as follows:

The contributions of our Woman's Societies exceed those of a year ago, by nearly $1,800, and our gifts to the Freedmen show an increase of more than $1,400. The gifts from Churches, which were necessarily credited to our Synodical Society last year, were for some special objects, which the Woman's Board of Home Missions represented. This year no such donations were called forth, and our Society has received from Churches only $355 against $3,126. Notwithstanding this deficit, we are able to report from Churches $335, Woman's Societies $40,602.60, Young Ladies' Societies and Bands $5,753.64, Christian Endeavor Societies $4,546.12, Sabbath Schools $5,060.25, Freedmen $12,261.39, a total of $68,559, and an increase of $219.64 over the year 1899–1900. In box valuation, $39,609.13, there is a gain of $578.38, an encouraging fact, when we realize that these boxes are essential to our Ministers and Missionaries in the West, and even in New York State, to eke out inadequate and often delayed salaries. The boxes have been a boon also to many schools to which they brought not alone comfort but Christmas cheer and happiness.

Through our Synodical Society 76 teachers are supported wholly or in part, and the number of scholarships, 332 full scholarships and 21 shares, remains unchanged.

Subscriptions to the "Home Mission Monthly" have increased from 4,023 to 4,084 copies, and decreased to "Over Sea and Land" from 2,660 to 2,353.

The tabulated record, generally unreliable, of members and meetings would indicate a diminution in the numbers of both.

There are now 653 woman's organizations in our Synodical Society. Of the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies, 473 contributed last year to Home Missions. There is a numerical gain in the Woman's and Endeavor Societies. The number of Bands has decreased, due in some instances to their having been merged into Endeavor Societies. Only 173 are reported; and Sabbath Schools contributing to Home Missions are 261, a less number also than that given twelve months ago. These statements indicate that earnest efforts should be put forth to ascertain the reason for this retrogressive movement, and measures taken by which it shall be overcome.

Successes and failures both have their lessons. As we profit by them are our hopes and plans to be measured as we enter upon a new year, and look forward to it with courage and faith.

The Committee to nominate the members of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which was accepted, and the persons named were duly appointed.

The Committee to collate the reports on the Records of the Presbyteries recommended that the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego be approved, with the following exception, and the report was adopted:

That the Presbytery, in ordaining and installing a candidate without the presence of a quorum, acted unconstitutionally; but this exception is not to be interpreted as invalidating the ordination and installation.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies presented the following report, which was accepted, and after an address by Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D. D., the recommendations were adopted:

Reports from all the Presbyteries, except New York, show that almost all the Churches have young people's societies of some kind. With the exception of a few Westminster Leagues and similar organizations, these are Christian Endeavor Societies. Good work for Christ and the Church has been accomplished; and the offerings to benevolent objects have been generous, although a little smaller than last year. The total gifts were about $25,000, of which about $10,000 were given to Home Missions, and the rest to Foreign Missions and other objects.

Not including New York Presbytery, Senior Christian Endeavor Societies number 627; Junior Societies, 230; Mission Bands, 273; total, 1,130. It is recommended:

1. That the Committee be authorized to procure, during the present year, blanks for statistics, at a cost not exceeding $20.

2. That Presbyteries be urged to encourage Presbyterial Conventions, or Institutes of young people, for the study of our denominational history and polity, and the promotion of loyalty to Christ and the Church.

3. That Sessions be reminded that they are *ex-officio* members of the young people's societies, and as such be urged to attend their devotional and business meetings, in order to give counsel and render all other assistance possible.

4. That Rev. Louis F. Ruf be made Chairman of this Committee, and Rev. Thomas F. Archibald be appointed in place of Rev. Warren D. More, removed from the Synod.

The Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Synod may justly take pride in this excellent institution, its work and its equipment. It has attractive buildings in admirable order, and needs only a gymnasium, but that very positively and at once.

Under its new leader the Seminary is pressing even more rapidly and boldly forward. Its professors are doing fine work, and the standing which its graduates have taken and are taking is the best proof of the spirit and training of their Alma Mater. The increased demands of the Church upon its ministers is a demand for new lines of instruction and new professorships. Auburn's great requirement is money for the endowment of these professorships: Modern Ecclesiology, which would take up all the lines of modern church work; Evangelization, which would cover all training in pulpit and parish work for Evangelization: Vocal Culture and Church Music; Sacred Pedagogy; Apologetics and Philosophy; Sociology, which is now grouped with Homiletics. Fifty thousand dollars for each of these foundations would do the Seminary and Church perpetual good. There is great need also of a Librarian, and there should be a foundation for this purpose.

Several features of the Seminary life and control should be generally known: 1. The system of student self-government has had new tests, and vindicates itself as most wise and efficient. 2. The rule that no one should be admitted from another Seminary if under any conditions has been automatically applied. It has excluded five applicants. But it guards Auburn, and secures to it students who, in the excellence of their preparation and their natural gifts, are choice men.

The Committee records the passing to their reward of Prof. Ezra A. Huntington, D.D., LL.D., after 50 years of noble service, and of Rev. Levi Parsons, D.D., LL.D., President of the Board of Trustees and son of a Trustee and President of the Board. The Seminary, however, is heir to their good works, and still feels the sweetness and strength of their Christian personality.

A resolution in regard to the report on Temperance was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee to nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries presented the following report, which was adopted:

Auburn Seminary: Ministers—Henry T. McEwen, Charles A. Richmond, Edwin H. Dickinson, George H. Wallace; Elders—Charles W. Darling, David Keller, J. T. D. Blackburn, Charles S. Butler.

Hamilton College: Ministers—Henry Ward, Arthur C. McMillan; Elder—James Yereance.

New York University: Ministers—William K. Hall, Christopher G. Hazard, Anthony H. Evans, David Gregg; Elders—John Stewart, James Winne, Henry W. Jessup, William McCarroll.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

No. 5. Evangelistic Work: It is recommended that all our Presbyteries and Churches heed the call of the General Assembly's committee on this

work, and, for the purpose of reaching the great multitude of the unsaved, inaugurate within their respective bounds such evangelistic efforts as may be deemed wise, and promising genuine and lasting results.

No. 6. A resolution as to defining what is necessary to the observance of the Lord's Day. It is recommended that no action be taken.

No. 7. A communication from the New York State Federation of Churches. It is recommended that the Synod appoint no delegates to the convention to be held at Rochester in November, but that it express its approval of all wisely directed efforts looking toward the union of Evangelical Churches.

No. 8. As to a proposed amendment to the Constitution of New York, the following action is recommended:

WHEREAS, An amendment to the Constitution of this State will, at the coming general election, be submitted to the people for approval, by which amendment the power of the Legislature to exempt from taxation the real and personal property of specific religious, charitable, educational or benevolent societies or corporations would be abrogated, and WHEREAS, If enacted, it might work serious loss to our institutions,

We hereby request attention to and serious consideration of this amendment by the members and adherents of our Churches.

No. 9. A resolution regarding the Report on Temperance. It is recommended that no action be taken, except as to the printing of the report, which is left to the Chairman of the Permanent Committee, with power, but without expense to the Synod.

A recess was taken until 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

A Popular Meeting was held in accordance with the arrangement. Addresses were made by Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, of China, on the Siege of Peking, Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., on Evangelization, and Rev. Henry C. Minton, D. D., Moderator of the General Assembly, on the Twentieth Century Fund.

The Synod resumed its business, after the devotional services, and was addressed by Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., in behalf of Lincoln University.

The Committee on the place of meeting in 1902 reported an

invitation from the Second Church of Albany, and recommended its acceptance with the thanks of the Synod. The report was adopted.

The Session of the Church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements, with power to add to their number.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Chairmen of the several Presbyterial committees on evangelistic work were constituted the Synod's committee, with power to choose its Chairman; and the Synodical Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund was continued, consisting of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees on this subject, and with like power.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint two Ministers and two Elders, who, with the Stated Clerk, shall be a committee to study, and if possible formulate plans for a more expeditious and orderly conduct of the business of the Synod, and report its suggestions at the next meeting.

The committee was appointed as follows: Ministers—T. Ralston Smith, Stated Clerk, Robert F. Sample, George Alexander; Elders—Ralph E. Prime, James Yereance.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted to withdraw before the close of the session, and the report was accepted.

Presbytery of Binghamton: Minister—Arthur Spaulding.

Brooklyn: Elder—Theodore Van Duzee.

Buffalo: Ministers—Samuel T. Clarke, Newton L. Reed, Samuel Colgate.

Cayuga: Minister—Frederick W. Palmer.

Champlain: Minister—Joseph Gamble.

Chemung: Elder—William E. Farr.

Genesee: Minister—Arthur T. Young; Elder—D. Corwin Holmes.

Geneva: Minister—H. Grant Person; Elders—Isaac L. Seely, Eli M. Maynard.

Hudson: Elder—William H. Puff.

Long Island: Minister—William C. McKnight; Elder—Joseph S. Osborne.

Lyons: Minister—John C. Ball; Elders—Marvin C. Welcher, William Fries.

New York: Ministers—Frederick E. Shearer, Walter D. Buchanan, Frederick B. Richards; Elders—Henry W. Jessup, Homer Lee, John Stewart.

Niagara: Elder—Herbert A. French.

North River: Elders—Charles J. Howell, Lambert J. DuBois, George P. DuBois.

Otsego: Minister—Charles W. Kinney; Elder—W. E. Miller.

Rochester: Ministers—Charles P. Coit, George C. Frost; Elders—Andrew Warren, Bowker Hinkley.

Steuben: Elder—Hyatt C. Hatch.

Syracuse: Minister—David Wills, Jr.; Elder—Joseph B. Lathrop.

Troy: Ministers—William M. Johnson, George Fairlee; Elder—Henry Aird.

Utica: Minister—Ralph W. Brokaw.

Westchester: Elder—Robert Denniston.

The several Standing Committees were called, and, having no business to present, were discharged.

The following Minute was adopted unanimously:

The Synod of New York expresses its warmest thanks to the Pastor, Elders and Trustees of the North Church, Buffalo, for the cordial welcome extended to the delegates, and for the admirable provision made in church and chapel, for the business of the Synod and the convenience and comfort of its members.

Grateful recognition is given to the Pastors and Elders of other churches who have cheerfully acted as helpers of the efficient Committee of Arrangements; and to the families which, entertaining amid the difficulties and embarrassments due to the Pan-American Exposition, have given singular proof of their generous interest in this body.

Hearty thanks are extended, also, to the ladies of the several congregations, for the luncheons provided, and the social privilege enjoyed, at the Central and Calvary churches; to the organist and choir of the North

Church for their able and acceptable services; and to all who have contributed by personal courtesies and kindnesses to render these sessions of the Synod memorable among the many delightful recollections which it is our privilege to cherish.

Acknowledgments are likewise due to the Daily Press of the city for its reports of the proceedings.

And the Synod finally tenders its thanks to the Moderator, the Rev. William Waith, Ph.D., for his fidelity and courtesy; affectionately congratulates him on the attainment of the golden jubilee of his pastorate; and assures him, as one whom it delights to honor, of its fraternal wishes and earnest prayers for his health, happiness and prosperity.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., cordially acknowledged the action of the Synod, and the Moderator appropriately responded.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod :

Presbytery of Albany : Minister—Frederick N. Rutan.

Binghamton : Minister—Charles L. Luther ; Elder—George F. Hand.

Boston : Ministers—Scott F. Hershey, Alexander Laird ; Elder—Martin V. B. Knox.

Brooklyn : Elder—Richard D. Dodge.

Buffalo : Elders—Henry H. Bingham, Thomas Shaw, Henry Lapp.

Cayuga : Minister—James S. Stubblefield.

Chemung : Ministers—Edward W. Abbey, Hiram D. Bacon.

Genesee : Elder—Eugene P. Norton.

Hudson : Ministers—L. William Hones, John W. Keller, George E. Gillespie ; Elders—Frederick B. Post, Nathaniel J. Kelsey.

Lyons : Minister—Frank H. Bisbee.

New York : Elder—John H. MacDonald.

Niagara : Elder—Edwin K. Beckwith.

North River : Elder—Joseph N. Badeau.

Otsego : Minister—Sidney S. Conger ; Elders—David H. McMaster, S. Adelbert Seward.

Rochester : Ministers—Peter Lindsay, Joseph B. Ferguson ; Elders—Robert Paviour, William F. Parry, Samuel L. Rockfellow.

St. Lawrence: Minister—Albro L. Greene.

Steuben: Minister—Fred E. Walton ; Elder—John B. Ferry.

Troy: Ministers—George W. Dugan, George W. Plack ; Elders—Aaron H. Graves, Edward W. Arms.

Westchester: Minister—Joseph H. Robinson.

The Minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the Second Church, Albany, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1902, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST :

T. RALSTON SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. The Presbytery of Albany consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care five licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received:

December 11, 1900, Rev. James B. Rogers, from the Presbytery of Rio de Janeiro;

April 16, 1901, Rev. Henry G. Dean, from the Presbytery of Champlain;

June 11, Rev. Edward R. James, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Candidates licensed:

April 16, 1901, Charles B. Mitchell;

June 11, Morgan S. Post, Irving W. Ketchum and Fred A. Gates.

Licentiate received:

September 17, 1901, Daniel M. Geddes, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 11, 1900, between Rev. James P. Bryant and the Church at Rensselaerville;

December 24, between Rev. George S. Allen and the Church at Carlisle.

Ordinations:

June 11, 1901, Charles H. Mattison;

June 20, Charles B. Mitchell.

Installations:

May 9, 1901, Rev. John H. Pollock, over the Church in Jefferson;

June 18, Rev. Henry W. Maier, over the Union Church, Schenectady;

June 9, Rev. Edward R. James, over the Church in Charlton.

Ministers dismissed:

December 11, 1900, Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, to the Presbytery of Westchester; and Rev. Lewis R. Webber, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

April 16, 1901, Rev. Isaac O. Best, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

September 17, Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, to the Presbytery of Newark.

Deceased:

December 3, 1899, at Mechanicville, N. Y., Rev. John Campbell, aged 71 years;

February 1, 1901, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Laurell W. Demeritt, aged 25 years;

August 2, at Horseheads, N. Y., Rev. James Gardner, D. D., aged 72 years;

August 29, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Rev. Zera T. Hoyt, aged 89 years.

Church enrolled:

September 21, 1900, Union Church, Schenectady.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of thirty-nine ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

November 9, 1900, Rev. John Alison, from the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. John F. Jones, from the Wyoming M. E. Conference;

April 16, 1901, Rev. George R. Merrill, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, Rev. Frank W. West, from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. John C. Langford, from the Orleans Association of Congregational Churches;

September 16, Rev. Charles L. Luther, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ordinations:

November 9, 1900, Wendell Prime Keeler;

September 17, 1901, Edward J. Noble.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery, and licensed:

April 16, 1901, Robert Hastings Nichols.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 30, 1900, between Rev. William A. George and the Church at Windsor;

November 9, between Rev. Frederick Perkins and the Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton;

January 7, 1901, between Rev. William T. Parsons and the Church at Union;

January 28, between Rev. Frank W. Kirwan and the Church at Cannonsville;

February 18, between Rev. Junius J. Cowles and the Church at McGrawville.

Installation:

February 5, 1901, Rev. William T. Parsons, over the Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed :

February 18, 1901, Rev. Junius J. Cowles, to the Presbytery of North River;

April 16, Rev. Thomas J. Hedges, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

Licentiate dismissed :

April 16, 1901, George Christopher Kersten, to the Presbytery of Larned.

Dropped from the roll :

April 15, 1901, Rev. Frank W. Kirwan.

Miscellaneous :

April 15, 1901, Rev. John McVey, D. D., resigned as Stated Clerk, and Rev. Daniel N. Grummon was elected his successor.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of sixty-one ministers and forty churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received :

October 25, 1900, Rev. Francis W. Beidler, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North ;

February 27, 1901, Rev. Herbert A. Manchester, from the Congregational Association of New York ;

April 16, Rev. John Kirkpatrick, from the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. John Kamm, from the Presbytery of Jersey City ;

October 1, Rev. Simeon B. Dunn, from the Old Colony Congregational Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 16, 1901, Adolphus N. Krug and Malcolm McPhail.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

October 17, 1900, between Rev. Charles J. Cameron and the South Boston Church ;

October 2, 1901, between Rev. John Montgomery and the Lonsdale Church;

November 1, between Rev. Clare W. Nicol and the Globe Church.

Installations :

November 8, 1900, Rev. James Todd, D. D., over the Quincy Church ;

February 27, 1901, Rev. Herbert A. Manchester, over the East Boston Church ;

April 30, Rev. Francis W. Beidler, over the Worcester Church ;

May 8, Rev. John Kamm, over the Manchester German Church ;

October 1, Rev. Simeon B. Dunn, over the Woonsocket Church.

Honorably retired :

October 2, 1901, Rev. William J. Wright, D. D., L.L. D.

Minister dismissed:

April 16, 1901, Rev. Charles S. Dewing, D. D., to the Presbytery of San José.

Deceased:

December 10, 1900, at Quincy, Rev. Calvin Terry, aged 83.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of seventy-six ministers and forty churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November 26, 1900, Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher, from the Presbytery of Boston;

December 24, Rev. Lynn P. Armstrong, from the Congregational Church;

April 22, 1901, Rev. Arthur C. Watkins, from the Cayuga Baptist Association;

May 27, Rev. Orrin G. Cocks, from the Presbytery of Troy;

September 23, Rev. Josiah A. Wood, from the Presbytery of Freeport.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

February 25, 1901, Arthur B. Churchman;

March 25, Alfred E. Barrows, Charles G. Burd and Neil A. Gilchrist;

April 22, George R. Lunn and Theodore Collier;

September 23, Alexander Berg.

Candidates licensed:

April 23, 1901, Neil A. Gilchrist, Charles G. Burd, Arthur B. Churchman, Alfred E. Barrows, George R. Lunn, Eliphalet B. Terry and Harry Leeds;

May 27, Louis F. Sauerbrunn.

Licentiate received:

November 26, 1900, James A. McCague, from the Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations:

December 14, 1900, James A. McCague;

April 28, 1901, Alfred E. Barrows;

June 13, Arthur B. Churchman.

Installations:

May 10, 1901, Rev. Arthur C. Watkins, over the First Woodhaven Church;

June 4, Rev. Joseph G. Snyder, over Olivet Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 24, 1900, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle, to the Presbytery of Steuben;

May 27, 1901, Rev. Emanuel Tealdo, to the Presbytery of New York;

September 23, Rev. William B. Frith, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence,

Licentiates transferred:

April 23, 1901, Harry Leeds, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Charles G. Burd, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Minister suspended:

November 19, 1900, Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D. D. Restored June 24, 1901.

Name dropped:

April 22, 1901, Rev. Henry C. Briggs.

Church enrolled:

March 25, 1901, Olivet.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-one ministers and forty-eight churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:

Novmber 1, 1900, Rev. Charles H. Jones from the Classis of South Bergen;

April 9, 1901, Rev. Robert P. Byers from the Presbytery of Montreal;

June 4, Rev. William Y. Chapman, from the Presbytery of Erie, and Rev. William H. Hoole, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence,

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

August 30, 1901, Joseph J. Weber and Charles Alexander.

Licentiate received:

June 4, 1901, Charles D. Burd, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 1, 1900, between Rev. Joseph K. Griffis and South Church, Buffalo;

December 21, between Rev. William Burnet Wright, D.D., and La Fayette Avenue Church, Buffalo;

June 17, 1901, between Rev. Joseph H. Ralston, and the Church in Sherman;

August 30, between Rev. Robert R. Watkins and the Church in Franklinville, and between Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., and the Church in Jamestown.

Ministers dismissed;

December 21, 1900. Rev. Frank W. Hill, to the Presbytery of Rochester:

April 9, 1901, Rev. J. Emory Fisher, to the Presbytery of Niagara, and Rev. Joseph K. Griffis, to the Presbytery of Cimarron;

August 30, Rev. Edward M. Sharp, to the Presbytery of Portland;

September 17, Rev. Robert R. Watkins, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ministers installed:

June 4, 1901, Rev. William Y. Chapman, over the La Fayette Avenue Church, Buffalo;

April 23, Rev. John W. Stitt, over the Church of the Covenant, Buffalo.

Candidate licensed:

April 9, 1901, Andrew J. Purdy.

Dropped from the roll:

December 21, 1900, Rev. Fred. J. Van Hoesen.

Deceased:

February 2, 1901, at Kansas City, Rev. George Ford, in the 82d year of his age;

——— 1894, Rev. Edward Howard, in the 82d year of his age.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty-five ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care eleven licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 9, 1901, Rev. James R. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Wellsborough, and Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 20, 1900, William A. Aiken, Henry H. Riggs, and Elijah J. Gregg from the Presbytery of Chester;

April 9, 1901, Edwin Huyler, James A. Cowan, from the Presbytery of Clarion, Samuel D. MacPhie;

October 1, A. A. McKay.

Candidates licensed:

April 9, 1901, William A. Aiken, James A. Cowan, Elijah J. Gregg, Daniel A. MacLeod, Samuel D. MacPhie, Henry H. Riggs.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 20, 1900, between Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., and the Church of Meridian;

December 17, between Rev. Nathaniel McGiffin and the Church of Fair Haven ;

December 24, between Rev. Aaron C. Stuart and the Church of Owasco ;

March 25, 1901, between Rev. Orlando B. Pershing and the Church of Cato ;

April 9, between Rev. Louis M. Sweet and the Church of Union Springs ;

October 14, between Rev. Edward H. Adriance and Calvary Church, Auburn.

Ordinations :

April 23, 1901, Harry G. Romig ;

June 4, Willis P. Hume ;

October 9, Frederick S. Campbell.

Installations :

May 21, 1901, Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, over the Church of Aurora ;

June 4, Rev. Willis P. Hume, over the Church of Meridian ;

October 9, Rev. William H. Kelley, over the Church of Fair Haven, and Rev. Frederick S. Campbell, over the Church of Cato.

Ministers dismissed :

November 20, 1900, Rev. J. K. Lyon Caughey, to the Presbytery of Rochester ;

December 17, Rev. Nathaniel McGiffin, to the Presbytery of Erie ;

December 24, Rev. Aaron C. Stuart, to the Presbytery of Wellsborough ;

March 4, 1901, Rev. H. Roswell Bates, to the Presbytery of New York ;

March 25, Rev. Orlando B. Pershing, to the Classis of Saratoga ;

April 9, Rev. Louis M. Sweet, to the Presbytery of Genesee ;

October 1, Rev. Wallace B. Lucas, D. D., to the Presbytery of Kingston ;

October 14, Rev. Edward H. Adriance, to the Presbytery of Bellefontaine.

Licentiates and candidates transferred :

March 27, 1901, Licentiate Myron J. Crocker, to the Presbytery of Rochester ;

April 9, Candidate Edwin Huyler, to the Presbytery of Emporia ;

April 12, Candidate Kenneth J. MacInnes, to the Presbytery of Minnewaukon ;

April 23, Licentiate Oliver P. Devin, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Deceased :

July 14, 1901, at Auburn, Rev. Ezra A. Huntington, D. D., LL. D., aged 88 years.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-six churches.

Ministers received:

April 9, 1901, Rev. William H. Kershaw, from the Manhattan Congregational Association;

June 28, Rev. Philip N. Moore, from the Essex Congregational Association.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 9, 1901, Samuel Lundie.

Candidate licensed:

April 10, 1901, Samuel Lundie.

Ordination and installation:

April 18, 1901, Samuel Lundie, over the Church of Chateaugay.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

March 22, 1901, Rev. William C. McCormack. Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Wellsboro;

September 17, Rev. George N. Macdonald, from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. Abbott T. Wilcox, from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. George W. Warren, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiate received:

September 17, 1901, Frederick A. Alden, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Ordination:

September 27, 1901, Frederick A. Alden.

Installations:

October 25, 1900, Rev. R. Lew Williams, over the Lake Street Church, Elmira;

March 22, 1901, Rev. William C. McCormack, Ph. D., over the Big Flats Church;

June 4, Rev. Charles T. Henry, over the Newfield Church;

September 27, Rev. Frederick A. Alden, over the Montour Falls Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 30, 1900, between Rev. John F. Shaw and the Newfield Church;

January 7, 1901, between Rev. Augustus Frederick and the Dundee Church;

June 17, between Rev. Warren D. More and the North Church, Elmira.

Dismissed:

November 30, 1900, Rev. John F. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Niagara;

June 17, 1901, Rev. Warren D. More, to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara;

September 17, Rev. Ira E. Leonard, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of twelve ministers and ten Chuches, and has under its care two licentiates and seven local evangelists.

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of eighteen ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care one local evangelist, one licentiate and two candidates.

Candidate received:

April 24, 1901, Charles Moody Ruland.

Licentiate received:

September 18, 1901, Charles S. Tator.

Deceased:

January 14, 1901, at Cairo, N. Y., Rev. Rufus King, in the 80th year of his age;

January 18, in New York, Rev. James Bain, in the 49th year of his age.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN PERSIA consists of twelve ministers and five churches.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

Ministers received;

April 10, 1901, Rev. James Snow Root and Rev. Louis A. Pierson, from the Presbytery of Rochester; and Rev. William H. P. Smith, from the Presbytery of Westminster;

May 28, Rev. Louis M. Sweet, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

December 14, 1900, between Rev. George D. Miller and the Church at Warsaw.

Ministers dismissed:

December 14, 1900, Rev. George D. Miller, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

April 10, 1901, Rev. Leonard W. A. Luckey, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Ordination:

May 28, 1901, Rev. Louis M. Sweet, over the Church at Warsaw.

Minister deceased:

June 6, 1901, at Attica, N. Y., Rev. John Wickes, aged 78 years.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

February 5, 1901, Rev. Peter McKenzie, from the Presbytery of Steuben;

April 17, Rev. Frank C. Shultis, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidate licensed:

September 24, 1901, John McLaren Richardson.

Ordination and Installation:

Oetober 24, 1900, Charles W. Hanson, over the Church of Romulus.

Minister dismissed:

April 17, 1901, Rev. Andrew McC. Brown, to the Presbytery of North River.

Deceased:

April 10, 1901, at Geneva, N. Y., Rev. George Duffield Meigs, in the 57th year of his age.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of fifty ministers and forty-four churches.

Ministers received:

February 11, 1901, Rev. John E. Parmley, from the Presbytery of Monmouth; and Rev. Benjamin J. Morgan, Ph.D., was restored to the roll on returning his certificate of dismission;

April 16, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, from the Presbytery of North River, and Rev. Frederick J. Kraushaar, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 11, 1901, between Rev. Alexander Gilmore and the Hamptonburgh Church;

April 16, between Rev. James R. Mann and the Scotchtown Church;

June 24, between Rev. Thomas B. Thomas, LL.D., and the Church at Monroe;

September 17, between Rev, Thomas Nichols and the Church at Milford, Pa.

Installations:

May 1, 1901, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, over the Hempstead Church;

May 8, Rev. William M. Grant, over the Church at Circleville;

May 16, Rev. Frederick J. Kraushaar, over the Jeffersonville German Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 11, 1901, Rev. Alexander Gilmore, to the Presbytery of Sioux City, and Rev. John Kamm, to the Presbytery of Boston;

June 20, Rev. Benjamin J. Morgan, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Newton;

September 16, Rev. John W. Lowden, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Minister deceased:

April 25, 1901, at Otisville, N. Y., Rev. Charles Hopkins Park, in the 71st year of his age.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 3, 1901, Rev. James M. Simonton, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati;

April 22, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

September 24, 1901, to take effect November, between Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph.D., and the Church of Westhampton.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty-six ministers and eighteen churches.

Ministers received:

September 18, 1901, Rev. Robert J. Lockhart from the Presbytery of Nebraska City, and Rev. Theodore J. Searls from the Presbytery of Black Hills.

Licentiate received:

September 18, 1901, Clarence E. Woodward from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Ordinations:

June 4, 1901, Clarence E. Woodward;

June 14, Leroy F. Ostrander.

Installation:

June 4, 1901, Rev. Clarence E. Woodward, over the Church of Huron.

Deceased:

August 30, 1901, at Newark, N. Y., Rev. A. Parke Burgess, D. D., aged 65.

Miscellaneous:

April 17, 1901, Rev. Smith Ordway was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer, to succeed Rev. Charles Ray, resigned.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

December 11, 1900, Rev. Charles E. Clist, from the Classis of Bergen;

October 8, 1901, Rev. Jacob Schmitt, from the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. Minot C. Morgan from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidate licensed and transferred:

April 9, 1901, William Kliefkin, and transferred to the Classis of Philadelphia.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 6, 1901, between Rev. Julius Symanski and the German Church at Jamaica;

June 2, between Rev. Lyman D. Calkins and the Far Rockaway Church;

August 4, between Rev. Charles Rutherford and the Springland Church;

October 8, between Rev. Samuel T. Carter, D. D., and the First Church of Huntington.

Installation:

October 17, 1901, Rev. Jacob Schmitt, over the German Church of Jamaica.

Ministers dismissed:

May 6, 1901, Rev. Julius Symanski, to the Presbytery of West Jersey;

June 15, Rev. Charles L. Clist, to the Classis of Kingston.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and sixty-one ministers and fifty-three churches, and has under its care 11 licentiates and 15 candidates.

Ministers received:

November 12, 1900, Rev. George H. Simonson, from the Presbytery of Kolhapur;

December 10, Rev. Ernest F. Hall, from the Presbytery of Monmouth;

January 14, 1901, Rev. Robert R. White, from the Presbytery of Macon (Southern Church); Rev. Willis D. Sexton, from the Presbytery of Detroit, and Rev. John Lloyd Lee, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North;

February 11, Rev. Donald MacDougall, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Rev. Ernest L. Walz, from the Presbytery of French Broad;

March 11, Rev. H. Roswell Bates, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 8, Rev. Frank B. Everitt, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick;

May 13, Rev. Murray S. Howland, from the Presbytery of Newcastle; Rev. Emanuel Tealdo, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D. D., LL.D., from the Presbytery of Puget Sound, and Rev. A. Clay Orndorff, from the Presbytery of East Florida.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 14, 1901, Dudley Hayes Ferrell;

May 13, Archibald S. Van Orden, Jr.

Candidates licensed:

April 8, 1901, Joseph F. Jones, as a local Evangelist.

May 13, Dudley Hayes Ferrell and Archibald S. Van Orden, Jr.

Candidate transferred:

May 13, 1901, Godfrey Chobot, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Licentiates received:

December 10, 1900, Calvin W. Laufer, from the German Reformed Classes of Pennsylvania;

September 30, 1901, George A. Armstrong, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 12, 1900, between Rev. James H. Hoadley, D. D., and Faith Church, and between Rev. Richard R. Wightman and Christ Church.

Ordination:

December 10, 1900, Calvin W. Laufer, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

November 22, 1900, Rev. James H. Hoadley, D. D., over the Thirteenth Street Church;

January 21, 1901, Rev. R. R. White, over Faith Church;

January 22, Rev. John Lloyd Lee, Ph. D., over Westminster Church;

January 24, Rev. James M. Farr, Jr., over Christ Church;

January 30, Rev. Wilson D. Sexton, over the North Church;

February 21, Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, over the Bedford Park Church;

March 14, Rev. H. Roswell Bates, over the Spring Street Church.

Name dropped from roll at his own request:

December 10, 1900, Rev. Frank Edge Kavanagh.

Permitted to demit the ministry:

December 10, 1900, Rev. Richard R. Wightman.

Ministers dismissed:

January 14, 1901, Rev. John E. Bushnell, to the Presbytery of Minneapolis;

February 11, Rev. John Kirkpatrick, to the Presbytery of Boston;

March 11, Rev. Isaac H. Polhemus, to the Presbytery of French Broad, and Rev. Edward Hunting Rudd, to the Suffolk South Association, Mass.;

April 8, Rev. Arthur C. Dill, to the Western New York Association of Congregational Churches;

May 13, Rev. Daniel Redmond, to the Presbytery of Steuben ; Rev. Minot S. Morgan, to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Albert Dale Gantz, to the Presbytery of Walla Walla.

Deceased :

January 10, 1901, in New York, Rev. Andrew Shiland, D. D., aged 80 years;

February 3, at Port Chester, N. Y., Rev. Francis H. Marling, D. D., aged 76 years ;

May 17, at Naples, Italy, Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D., aged 43 years ;

July 3, in New York, Rev. Aaron Peck, aged 65 years ;

July 17, at Geneseo, N. Y., Rev. George W. Wood, D. D., in his 88th year ;

August 29, at Newport, R. I., Rev. Walter Lowrie, in his 34th year ;

September 17, at Saratoga, N. Y., Rev. Edward W. Hitchcock, D. D., aged 65 years ;

September 24, in New York, Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., LL. D., aged 49 years.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-one churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

February 25, 1901, Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D., from the Presbytery of Champlain, and Rev. John F. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Chemung;

May 29, Rev. J. Emory Fisher, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 25, 1901, between Rev. William H. Cornett and the Church at Albion;

June 6, between Rev. George N. Macdonald and the Church at Somerset.

Ministers dismissed:

April 15, 1901, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, to the Presbytery of Long Island;

September 2, Rev. George N. Macdonald, to the Presbytery of Chemung;

September 17, Rev. Joseph Hogg, to the Northern Minnesota Conference of the M. E. Church.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of twenty-two ministers and fifteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-six ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Ministers received:

January 28, 1901, Rev. Daniel G. Lawson, from the Presbytery of Otsego;

May 28, Rev. Julius J. Cowles, from the Presbytery of Binghamton;

June 18, Rev. Andrew McCulley Brown, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 30, Rev. Albert S. Stewart, from the Presbytery of Clarion;

October 1st, Rev. James H. Matheson, from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and Rev. C. L. Baringer, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New Jersey.

Candidate received and licensed:

October 1, 1901, Frank Werner, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 28, 1901, between Rev. Edgar Beckwith and the Church of Pleasant Valley, and between Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D.D., and the Rondout Church;

February 11, between Rev. John A. Terhune and the Hughsonville Church;

March 11, between Rev. Robert J. Diven and the New Hamburgh Church;

April 15, between Rev. George Allen and the Milton Church;

October 1, between Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D.D., and the Union Church, Newburgh.

Installations:

May 7, 1901, Rev. Daniel G. Lawson, over the Lloyd Church;

May 28, Rev. John A. Terhune, over the Millerton Church;

May 29, Rev. Julius J. Cowles, over the Amenia Church;

June 10, Rev. Andrew M. Brown, over the New Hamburgh Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 5, 1900, Rev. John S. Ellsworth, to the Classis of Paramus;

January, 28, 1901, Rev. Edgar Beckwith, to the Presbytery of Chicago, and Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Rochester;

March 11, Rev. Robert J. Diven, to the Presbytery of East Oregon;

April 18, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, and Rev. Charles W. E. Chapin, to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 30, Rev. John F. Williamson, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Minister deceased:

November 8, 1901, at Valatie, N. Y., Rev. Irving Magee, D.D., aged 69 years.

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-six ministers and twenty-eight churches, and has under its care four candidates and one local evangelist.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 25, 1901, between Rev. George B. Swinnerton and the Church of New Berlin.

Ordination and Installation:

July 18, 1900, J. Valdemar Moldenhaur, over the Church of Margaretville.

Minister dismissed:

September 25, 1901, Rev. George B. Swinnerton to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of seventy-two ministers and forty-eight churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:

January 3, 1901, Rev. Frank W. Hill, from the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. J. Lyon Caughey, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 9, Rev. George D. Miller, from the Presbytery of Genesee; Rev. Samuel Banks Nelson, D. D., from the Presbytery of North River; Rev. Lewis R. Webber, from the Presbytery of Albany;

June 6, Rev. Isaac O. Best, from the Presbytery of Albany;

September 24, Rev. Charles W. Wood, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 9. 1901, Douglass H. Cornell;

September 24. Robert William Astels.

Licentiate received:

April 9, 1901, Myron J. Crocker, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 5, 1900, between Rev. Nelson Millard, D. D., and the First Church, Rochester;

June 24, 1901, between Rev. Richard D. Harlan and the Third Church, Rochester;

September 24, between Rev. Dorland N. Morden and Grace Church, Rochester.

Ordination:

June 6, 1901, Myron J. Crocker.

Installations:

January 3, 1901, Rev. J. Lyon Caughey, over the Memorial Church, Rochester;

Feb. 5, Rev. Frank W. Hill, over the Church of Victor;

April 23, Rev. William A. Hallock, over Immanuel Church, Rochester;

April 25, 1901, Rev. Harry H. Barstow, over the Church of Caledonia;

May 3, Rev. George D. Miller, over the First Church, Rochester;

May 9, Rev. Samuel B. Nelson, D. D., over St. Peter's Church, Rochester;

June 6, Rev. Myron J. Crocker, over the Church of Livonia;

May 27, Rev. Charles P. Coit, D. D., over the East Side Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed:

January 3, 1901, Rev. Louis A. Pierson, to the Presbytery of Genesee;

April 9, Rev. James S. Root, to the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. O. P. Allen, to West Suffolk Conference of Congregational Churches;

June 24, Rev. Richard D. Harlan, to the Presbytery of Chicago;

September 24, Rev. Johnson A. Henderson, to the Presbytery of Chicago, and Rev. Frederick A. Hamilton, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Ministers deceased:

March 31, 1901, at Rochester, Rev. T. Morey Hodgman, aged 82 years;

May 30, at Mt. Morris, N. Y., Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D., Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, aged 72 years.

Stated Clerk elected:

September 24, 1901, Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D. D.

Church organized:

April 22, 1901, East Side, Rochester.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of forty-three ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1901, Rev. Charles M. Dodge, from the Presbytery of Utica;

October 1, Rev. J. J. Cameron, from the Presbytery of Brockville, Ontario, and Rev. William B. Frith, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Candidates licensed:

April 16, 1901, Daniel Marshall Geddes and Cassius J. Sargeant.

Ordination:

October 30, 1900, George Louis Engler.

Licentiates dismissed:

April 16, 1901, Cassius Jay Sargeant, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 12, Daniel M. Geddes to the Presbytery of Albany.

Installations:

October 30, 1900, Rev. George Louis Engler, over the Church of Brownville;

May 14th, 1901, Rev. Charles M. Dodge, over the Church of Carthage.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 31, 1900, between Rev. Donald A. McLean and the Church at Heuvelton;

April 16, 1901, between Rev. George Louis Engler and the Church at Brownville.

Ministers dismissed:

April 16, 1901, Rev. George Louis Engler to the Presbytery of Kansas City;

April 17, Rev. William H. Hoole, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Deceased:

September 7, 1901, at Watertown, Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D., aged 80 years.

October 7, at Ogdensburg, Rev. Linus Merrill Miller, D. D., Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, aged 82 years.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of eleven ministers and nine churches, and has under its care one local evangelist.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

January 22, 1901, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

April 17. Rev. William J. Mitchell, from the Presbytery of Duluth;

May 16, Rev. Daniel Redmond, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of New York;

September 17, Rev. Robert R. Watkins, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 17, 1901, Eugene Knapp De Witt.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 9, 1900, between Rev. Peter McKenzie and the Avoca Church.

September 17, 1901, between Rev. George W. Warren and the Prattsburgh Church.

Installations:

January 22, 1901, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle, over the Hammondsport Church;

April 17, Rev. Fred E. Walton, over the Westminster Church, Hornellsville;

May 16, Rev. Daniel Redmond, Ph.D., over the Avoca Church;

Oct. 9, 1901, Rev. Robert R. Watkins, over the Campbell Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 9, 1900, Rev. Peter McKenzie, to the Presbytery of Geneva;

May 16, 1901, Rev. Charles L. Luther, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

September 16, Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp, to the Susquehanna Congregational Association;

September 17, Rev. George W. Warren, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Church organized:

November 10, 1900, Centreville.

License revoked at his own request:

April 16, 1901, Hoffman T. Baumgarten.

Licentiate transferred:

April 15, 1901, Clarence E. Woodward, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Demitted the ministry:

September 17, 1901, Rev. Edward G. W. Crist.

Deceased:

March 20, 1901, at East Pharsalia, Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins, aged 70 years.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of forty-one ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 7, 1901, Rev. Alexander Wouters, from the Presbytery of Detroit;

September 17, Rev. Sipko Rederus, from the Classis of Rochester.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 7, 1901, Darwin F. Pickard;

September 16, James Oastler;

September 17, Earnest Marion Churchill and Harry Vary Bonner.

Licentiate received:

July 1, 1901, Cassius Jay Sargeant, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates licensed:

April 9, 1901, Darwin F. Pickard;

September 17, James Oastler.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 7, 1901, between Rev. Emory L. Evans and the Church of Manlius;

April 9, between Rev. Edward F. Greene and the Churches of Parish and Hastings;

September 17, between Rev. J. Herbert MacConnell and the Church of Jamesville.

Ordinations:

November 9, 1900, Robert Stillman Wightman, as an evangelist;

January 7, 1901, John G. Truair and George B. Spalding, Jr.;

July 11, George Wales King and Cassius Jay Sargeant.

Installations:

January 24, 1901, Rev. Alexander Wouters, over the Memorial Church, Syracuse;

July 11, Rev. Cassius Jay Sargeant, over the Church of Collamer.

Ministers dismissed:

April 8, 1901, Rev. Grenville P. Sewall, to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 9, Rev. Edward F. Greene, to the Presbytery of Utica;

September 16, Rev. George Wales King, to the Presbytery of St. Louis.

Licentiate transferred:

September 16, 1901, Darwin F. Pickard, to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Church organized:

May 17, 1901, South Church, Syracuse.

Deceased:

December 15, 1900, at Orange, N. J., Rev. Charles D. Barrows, aged 53 years.

Honorably retired:

September 17, 1901, Rev. Legh R. Janes.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of forty-four ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate, two local evangelists and two candidates.

Ministers received:

November 5, 1900, Rev. Wilmont A. Carrington, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

January 30, 1901, Rev. Albert C. Sewall, D.D., from the Reformed Classis of Schenectady;

September 16, Rev. Chauncy B. Magill, from the Presbytery of Maumee.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 17, 1901, John McNab.

Candidates licensed:

April 16, 1901, Frederick Alonzo Alden and Orrin G. Cocks.

Local Evangelists' licenses renewed:

April 15, 1901, Dr. Charles A. Ingraham;

September 17, John S. Laing.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 30, 1901, between Rev. William Reed, D.D., and the Memorial Church, Troy;

July 1, between Rev. Arthur H. Allen and the Woodside Church, Troy.

Ordinations:

April 18, 1901, Orrin G. Cocks;

July 10, Clarence W. Dunham.

Installations:

December 4, 1900, Rev. Wilmont A. Carrington, over the Church at Middle Granville;

January 22, 1901, Rev. J. Harvey Dunham, over the Church at Fort Edward;

February 12, Rev. Albert C. Sewall, D.D., over the Second Street Church, Troy;

July 10, Rev. Clarence W. Dunham, over the Church at Warrensburgh.

Ministers dismissed:

April 18, 1901, Rev. Orrin G. Cocks, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

July 22, Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer, to the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Lester M. Conrow, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licentiate transferred:

July 22, 1901, Frederick Alonzo Alden, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Miscellaneous:

April 15, 1901, Rev. John Anderson and Rev. Albert C. Reed were honorably retired.

September 16, Rev. Arthur H. Allen resigned as Stated Clerk on account of removal, and Rev. George Fairlee was elected his successor.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of sixty-one ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

April 9, 1901, Rev. Edward F. Green, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

October 1, Rev. Charles W. E. Chapin, from the Presbytery of North River, and Rev. Obadiah C. Auringer, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 9, 1901, John B. Whitehill, Ernest G. Hildner;

June 18, Godfrey Chobot, from the Presbytery of New York;

October 1, Samuel R. Brown, from the Presbytery of Lima.

Candidates licensed:

April 9, 1901, John B. Whitehill, and Ernest G. Hildner;

June 18, Godfrey Chobot.

Candidate transferred:

April 9, 1901, Zelotus W. Commerford, to the Prezbytery of Chippewa.

Licentiate received:

June 18, 1901, Oliver P. Devin, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

July 16, 1901, between Rev. James G. Clark and the Church at Redfield.

Ordinations:

June 18, 1901, Godfrey Chobot and Arther J. Dean;

June 19, Oliver P. Devin.

Installations:

June 18, 1901, Rev. Arthur J. Dean, over Olivet Church, Utica;

June 19, Rev. Oliver P. Devin, over the Church at Verona.

Ministers dismissed:

November 21, 1900, Rev. John C. Ball, to the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. Charles M. Dodge, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

April 9, 1901, Rev. Frank W. West, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;

October 1, Rev. James G. Clark, to the Presbytery of Box Butte, and Rev. Adney W. Hallock, to the Presbytery of Long Island.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of seventy-five ministers and forty churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received.

January 15, 1901, Rev. Charles N. Cate, from the Presbytery of Alton, Rev. Edward L. Chichester, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Sanford H. Cobb, from the Presbytery of Albany;

April 16, Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Austin;

June 18, Rev. Edward R. Perry, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

June 18, 1901, Harry Davenport.

Candidates licensed:

April 16, 1901, Edwin A. McAlpin, Jr., and A. Edward Harvey.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 23, 1901, between Rev. William B. Waller and the New Rochelle Church;

November 1, between Rev. George F. Pentecost, D. D., and the First Church of Yonkers.

Installations:

October 9, 1900, Rev. Robert F. Graham over Mahopac Falls Church;

October 12, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D. D., over Southeast Center Church;

June 30, 1901, Rev. William B. Waller, over the First Church of Greenwich, Conn.

Minister dismissed:

April 15, 1901, Rev. Robert L. Jackson, to the Presbytery of Winona.

Licentiates transferred:

April 15, 1901, John H. W. Cooper, to the Presbytery of Dubuque;

October 8, Edwin P. Essick, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Name dropped:

October 7, 1901, Licentiate J. Robert Beale.

Church enrolled:

April 16, 1901, First Church of Sound Beach, Conn.

Change in name of Church:

October 8, 1901, Sing Sing to First Church of Ossining.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	1,247	Licentiates and Local Evangelists	74
Churches	907	Candidates	78

II. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term Expiring in 1902.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Mallory D. Schoonmaker,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D., H. Austin Clark,
Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D. D., Hubert C. Mandeville, A. B.,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams, A. B.

Term Expiring in 1903.

Seymour Dexter, Ph. D., Harmon H. Fulton,
Mrs. Howard Elmer, A. B., Arthur Clinton,
William S. Truman, Alexander Davidson.

Term Expiring in 1904.

Francis Hall, Henry G. Merriam, A. B.,
William R. Rathbun, Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.,
Thomas Cochrane, Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A. B.

2. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1902.—Rev. Newton L. Reed, Rev. Peter R. Ross, D. D., Ezra J. Peck, LL. D.

Term Expiring in 1903.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, D. D.

Term Expiring in 1904.—Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Rev. Daniel MacKay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Isaac V. V. Grant, Mrs. Willard J. Heacock, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Mrs. Alfonso R. Olney.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. Josiah S. Leverett, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Editha Stephens, Miss Ida F. Storrs.

Boston—Mrs. Scott E. Hershey, Mrs. Kenneth McKay, Mrs. Eben M. McPherson, Mrs. James J. Dunlop, Mrs. F. S. LeBosquet.

Brooklyn—Mrs. William A. M. Grier, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. H. E. Hendrickson, Mrs. H. R. Mayette, Mrs. Fred Campbell, Mrs. D. E. Ward.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred R. Eaton, Mrs. Alfred Haines, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. J. F. Miner, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. Charles Townsend.

Cayuga—Mrs. Arthur S. Hoyt, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Jr., Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Monroe.

Champlain—Miss Williamine Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Miss Mary E. Whiteside.

Chemung—Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. William Pellett, Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier.

Columbia—Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Charles E. Hoyt.

Genesee—Miss Fanny J. Buxton, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. Butler Ward, Mrs. Arthur E. Brigden.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard, Mrs. H. G. Person.

Hudson—Mrs. David F. Bonner, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Mary Wood, Miss Carrie Durland, Mrs. H. McGilvray.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. William H. Littell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Mrs. S. S. Pierson, Mrs. Russell F. Stoddard, Miss Jennie Brownson.

Nassau—Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Ellen L. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. Silas B. Brownwell, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. W. E. Damon, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Charles L. Thompson.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. Ruth A. Frost.

North River—Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Mrs. Morgan Carpenter.

Otsego—Miss Mary L. Abell, Miss Sarah Crandall, Mrs. Elihu P. Phinney, Mrs. Leonard F. Richards, Mrs. James H. Robinson.

Rochester—Mrs. Helen Bristol, Mrs. Louis Chapin, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Levi Parsons, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. J. B. Adams.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. Charles Anthony, Mrs. D. C. Griffith, Mrs. Allen Macy Dulles, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith, Mrs. H. C. Deane.

Steuben—Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. James O. Bennett, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. DeWitt Gardner, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. Donald Dey, Mrs. Parker O. Wright.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Miss J. M. Qua, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. R. Halstead Ward, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy.

Utica—Mrs. Anna L. Greenman, Mrs. William R. Terrett, Mrs. Ralph W. Brokaw, Mrs. Timothy Parker, Mrs. Charles S. Richardson, Mrs. J. P. Babcock, Mrs. Theodore F. Knox.

Westchester—Mrs. Daniel E. Provost, Mrs. James Gibson, Jr., Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Mary Parsons, Mrs. A. F. Avery, Mrs. F. A. Wales, Miss M. K. Truesdell, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. R. P. Gibson, Mrs. P. P. Van Vleet, Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Miss J. Sanders.

IV. CHANGES IN OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BINGHAMTON: Rev. Daniel N. Grummon, *Stated Clerk*, Binghamton.

CHAMPLAIN: Rev. Norman McLeod, *Stated Clerk*, Mineville.

LYONS: Rev. Smith Ordway, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*, Sodus.

ROCHESTER: Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, D.D., *Stated Clerk*, Rochester.

ST. LAWRENCE: Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*, Hammond.

TROY: Rev. George Fairlee, *Stated Clerk*, Troy.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., New York.

Term Expiring in 1902: Rev. Robert F. Sample, D.D., Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., William A. Wheelock, John J. McCook.

Term Expiring in 1903: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D.D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., William Allen Butler, Thomas G. Ritch.

Term Expiring in 1904: Rev. George Alexander, D.D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., James Yereance, James M. Ham.

Ex-Officio: Rev. William Waith, Ph.D., Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	HENRY A. NELSON, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	HOWARD CROSBY, D.D.	New York	Utica
1883.	JAMES MCLEOD, D.D	Buffalo	New York
1884.	JOHN MCC. HOLMES, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	L. MERRILL MILLER, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	CHARLES C. WALLACE, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	T. RALSTON SMITH, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	SAMUEL JESSUP, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	LEVI PARSONS, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	JAMES GARDNER, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. YEISLEY, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	RALPH E. PRIME, LL. D., (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	JOSEPH GAMBLE, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. CAMERON MACKENZIE, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	JAMES H. ROBINSON, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	DAVID G. WYLIE, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	WILLIAM WAITH, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo

VII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meetings of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment. And a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements; and, unless the Synod shall otherwise order, the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees shall, at each session, choose one of their number to serve on the committee for the next meeting.

III.

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services, to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its Stated Meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and, if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted.

[An overture proposing a change in the organic rule is pending before the Presbyteries.]

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor: and the chairmen of committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office address.

VII.

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a Minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

IX.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judical Business.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominatie Visitors to Theological and other educational institutions.
7. To nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.
8. To nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College.
9. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.
10. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
11. In every year of even number a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Systematic Beneficence. II. Home Missions. III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Publication and Sabbath School Work. VI. Church Erection. VII. Ministerial Relief. VIII. Missions to Freedmen. IX. Aid for Colleges. X. Young People's Societies. XI. Sabbath Observance. XII. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of Elmira College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall

be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and present a written report to the Synod.

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XIII.

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance

No appropriation shall be made from the Synodical funds without first being referred to the Committee on Finance, and reported upon by that committee. And all appropriations shall lapse if not called for before the close of the Synodical year.

XVI.

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending October 1, 1901.

Dr.		Cr.	
To		*By*	
Public Worship Committee..	$25 00	Balance from Old Account..	$1,213 63
Salaries of Temporary Clerks	40 00	Receipts from Presbyteries.	1,080 72
Trunk Line Agent.....	11 00		
Storage.....	6 00		
Printing Minutes and Blanks	225 00		
Rent of Office....	225 00		
Envelopes for Minutes.....	3 38		
Permanent Clerk's Salary and Expenses.....	152 00		
Elmira Examiners.....	30 16		
Stated Clerk's Salary.....	400 00		
Mailing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals.....	136 19		
Balance to New Account....	1,040 62		
	$2,294 35		$2,294 35

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. SYNODICAL MISSIONS: Hon. William H. Parsons, *Chairman*, Rye; Rev. George Fairlee, *Secretary*, Troy; Henry Aird, Esq., *Treasurer*, 411 River St., Troy.

II. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, Hector Hall, George C. Yeisley, William P. Swartz. *Elders*—Francis A. Board, S. Merrill Clement.

III. HOME MISSIONS: *Elder*—John Willis Baer. *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Warren R. Cochrane, James J. Dunlop, George W. Mead. *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson.

IV. FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—J. Balcom Shaw, Alvah G. Fessenden, Newell Woolsey Wells, John E. Adams, George S. Webster, Milton S. Littlefield. *Elders*—Henry M. Lester, John J. Tower, Edmund P. Platt, John Stewart, Charles W. Hand, J. W. Allen.

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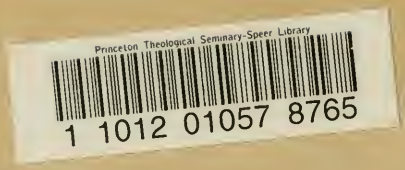

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